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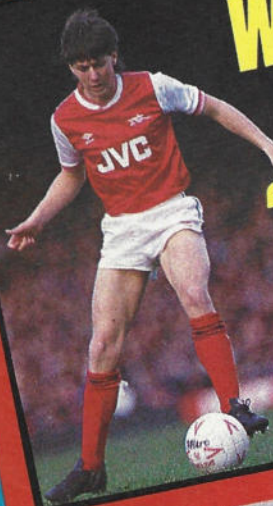
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EXCLUSIVE

**Police chief
declares war
on hooligans**

**Williams
denies
'gutless'
charge**



*Celtic expect
more from Mo
Johnston.*

**Bryan
Robson
ends
transfer
talk**

**ANDY GRAY
VILLA THRILLER II**

IS MO LEAVING CELTIC?

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ark Hughes knows better than anyone that he will be a marked man next season.

Manchester United's 21-year-old striker is under no illusions about the size of the task facing him as opponents plot to halt his remarkable progress.

"It's going to be much more difficult than last season," he admits. "People have seen what I can do. So it's up to me to stay one step ahead by coming up with something new."

In his first full season in senior football, Hughes scored a remarkable 25 goals for Manchester United and played a leading role in their F.A. Cup triumph.

He also cracked crucial World Cup goals against Iceland and Spain to help Wales towards qualification for next year's World Cup Finals.

And it's through working with international manager Mike England that Hughes has developed a move which he believes could help him to even more goals in the future.

It was during training before last month's friendly in Norway that England demonstrated a neat piece of footwork to break clear of close-marking defenders.

At first, Hughes was baffled. But within 15 minutes this hungry young striker had perfected the move so well that even the fully-prepared England was unable to stop him.

"I've been practising it all summer," Hughes says. "Anything which might help me score goals has got to be worth working on."

Yet in spite of all his achievements last season, the PFA Young Footballer of the Year still has plenty of targets to aim for.

"I want to score 30 goals for United next season. To achieve that, I will need to cover more ground, work on sharpness around the penalty area and continually be looking to add to my repertoire."

The League Championship is

More goals fo



Hughes' obvious aim, but United's ban from the European Cup-Winners' Cup does not mean foreign opponents will have seen the last of this aggressive young man for the next few years.

Because Hughes is confident he will be going to Mexico next summer for the World Cup Finals with Wales.

That means they must beat Scotland in their final Group Seven qualifying game on September 11 at Ninian Park.

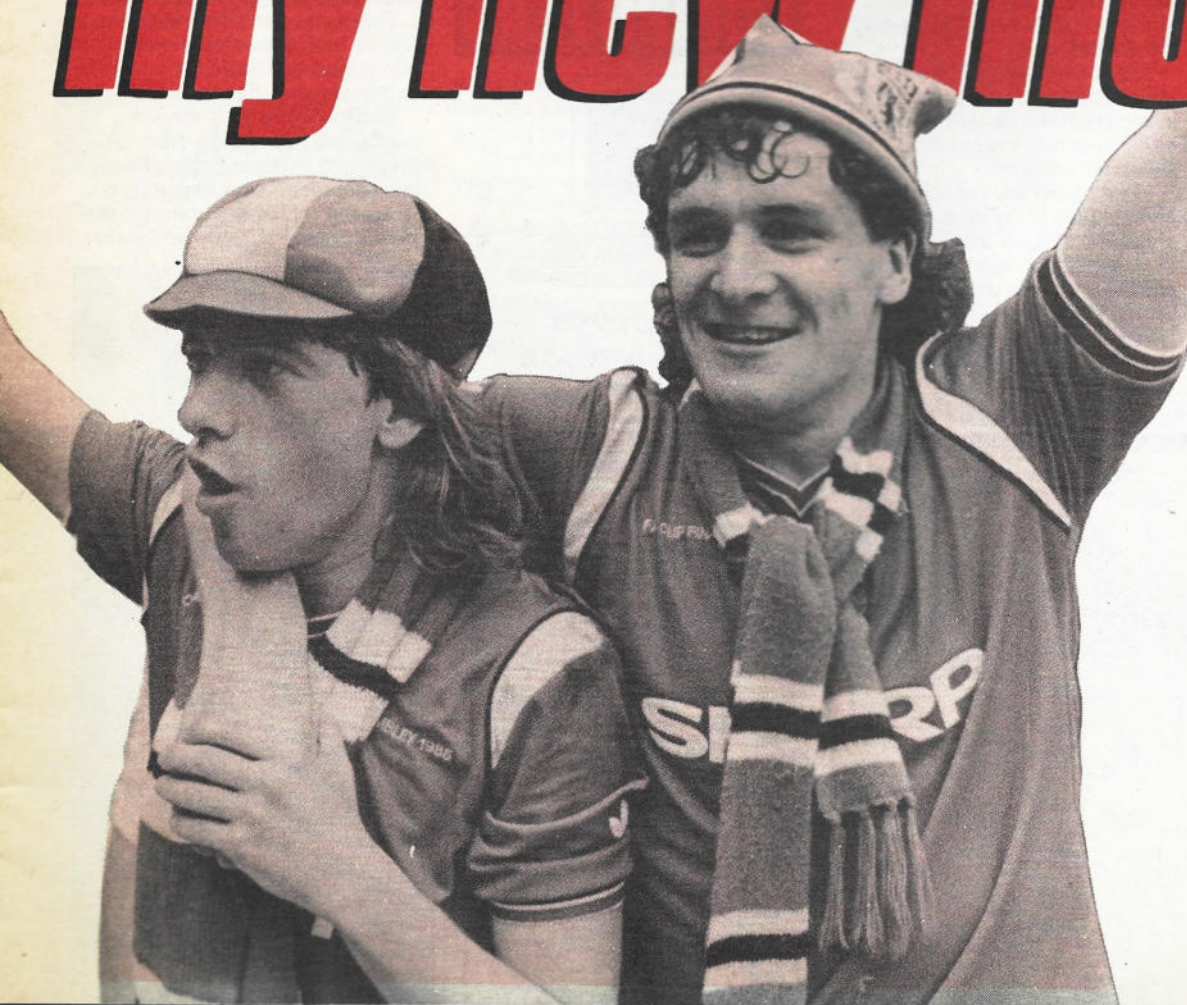
Hughes scores his spectacular volley as Wales thrash Spain 3-0 in Wrexham.



marked man Mark...

Watch out for my new move

After beating Scotland 1-0 at Hampden Park in March, Hughes is confident that Wales can complete the double in September.



"We've beaten Scotland in Glasgow and think we can do the same in front of our own fans," says Hughes.

"That 1-0 win at Hampden Park was no fluke. We proved that the following month when we thrashed Spain 3-0.

"My United team-mates Gordon Strachan and Arthur Albiston were the first to congratulate me after we'd won in Glasgow. But they promised me it would be a different story in the return.

"Well, I'm sorry to say that I think they'll both be spending next summer in Manchester. Although it will be very close when we meet again in Cardiff, Ian Rush and I believe we can handle any defensive system the Scots operate against us.

"Reaching the World Cup Finals is every footballer's dream. The European ban has made me all the more determined to get to Mexico.

"There is so much at stake that I have all the incentive I could possibly need to keep my career going forward.

"One-season wonder? I don't think so!"

'I want to make violent offenders

James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and the police supremo charged with the responsibility of masterminding the clean-up of football, declared war this week on soccer hooligans.

In a chilling message delivered one month before the start of the most critical season in football history, Anderton says bluntly: "People are afraid to go to football. I want to make violent offenders afraid to go to football."

His campaign to restore law and order to the terraces and approaches to football grounds is the result of

Anti-hooligan Police Chief's blast...

It's War

POLICEMEN



*To act more
decisively*

emergency conferences with every Chief Constable in England and Wales in his capacity as Chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers sub-committee on Football Hooliganism.

It means that when the new season begins on Saturday, 17th August, any fan intent on violent conduct at football matches runs the greatest risk ever of being arrested and punished in the courts.

In a rare interview given by the Chief Constable to an individual publication, Anderton outlined the gravity of the situation and his proposals to combat the wave of violence that threatens to destroy the national game.

Football hooligans can only be combatted if all the organisations associated with League football co-operate fully next season, maintains Anderton.

"That means we are seeking the co-operation of the management of clubs; the officials and supporters of clubs; the transport authorities; and the licensees who run premises selling alcohol.

"Policemen will have a higher profile on trains and both inside and outside grounds."

Police forces will act faster and

By Bill Day

COMPUTERS



*To store
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more decisively. They will share a greater volume of intelligence gathered by uniformed and plain-clothed officers working undercover to expose the criminals.

Computers and telex machines will be used extensively to store information and flash it to anti-hooligan police squads.

"Police forces have always exchanged information. Now we propose to refine and strengthen this operation," says Anderton, who is second only in importance to the Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

FIND THESE MEN

These are the suspects Merseyside Police still wish to interview in connection with the Brussels soccer disaster.

If you think you know their identity telephone the police hot-line:

051-708 8772

051-777 4944





afraid to go to football..'

and Football League will lead to their operation at all League grounds soon.

"The video cameras now at our disposal are highly sophisticated. They can supervise the movement of supporters inside and outside grounds.

"They can identify trouble as soon as it breaks out. And we now have zoom lens facilities to pick out individual trouble-makers from a group.

"The pictures these cameras supply are pin-sharp — and in colour. We will be employing the photographic facilities of the Home Office Research Branch to supply prints for magistrates courts.

"This photographic evidence, now fully accepted by courts, will act as a powerful deterrent.

"There will be no escape from the all-seeing eye of the police.

"We want better segregation and an improvement in physical barriers at grounds.

"People will go where they are put."

The Chief Constable calls for improved stewarding at grounds and welcomes legislation that allows his policemen to impose stiffer controls on trains shepherding fans, on buses, and at turnstiles.

"I believe there will be less drunkenness," he says. "We now have the power to prevent fans entering grounds if they are drunk.

"If we see crowds of drunken supporters we will turn them away.

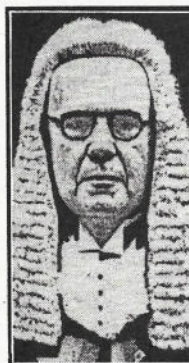
"Police have been concerned for a decade about the steady growth of indiscipline in society as a whole. There is a total disregard for

authority, a reckless approach to personal behaviour.

"As policemen we have endeavoured to balance the need for public safety with a responsibility not to destroy the spirit of the game.

"This has meant we have exercised too much tolerance. We have not been as strong and as determined as we should have been.

COURTS



To be more severe

"Football violence escalated in 1984-85. The degree of violence waged against policemen at Luton and at Birmingham last season was an extra dimension we have never experienced before in this country.

"The Chief Constables are planning firm and decisive action next season. Any person seeking to break the law or ground rules at football matches next season will be arrested rather than simply escorted from grounds as in the past.

"And they will end up in court where magistrates will be more determined than ever before.

"Clubs are determined to discourage rowdy elements. We intend to isolate the trouble-maker and raise the level of safety at grounds."

DON'T LET THEM SPOIL IT

The Chief Constable's message to SHOOT readers: "The majority of young people are law abiding and deeply concerned about what is happening.

"I know that because they have sent me letters offering their congratulations to the police.

"Many of those letters have come from visiting fans, delighted with the way police have ensured that their journeys to matches have been conducted in safety.

"Football the world over, and here where the game was born, has depended almost entirely on the enthusiasm of young supporters.

"They are the future of the game. I would ask them simply to remember this: *Soccer is one of the world's greatest sports. Don't let the trouble-makers spoil it.*

"The game will only survive if football fans support it properly. Younger supporters can identify with a club and become totally committed to it without resorting to disorderly behaviour and violence.

"Even police officers play and enjoy football, and they ask only that they be allowed to help young supporters to continue to enjoy the game.

"If we all co-operate together we should be able to find a solution to this problem."

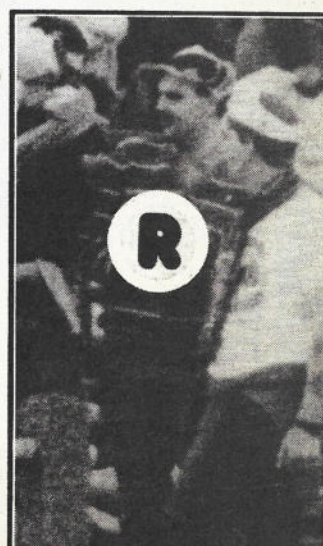
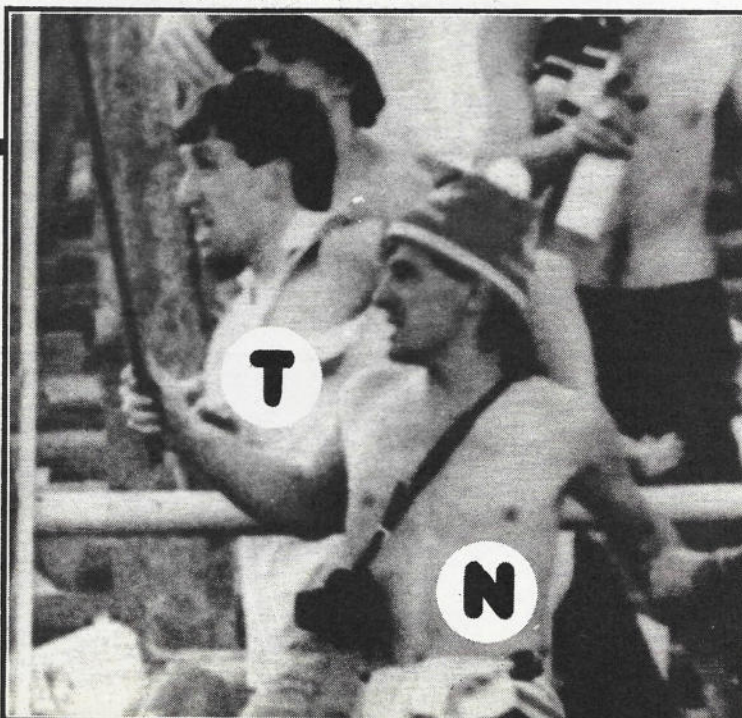
Police will employ the video spy camera as their chief weapon in the war against the hooligans.

Most First and Second Division clubs will install cameras next season and it is Chief Constable Anderton's hope that the combined efforts of the Football Grounds Trust, Home Office, Football Association

CAMERAS



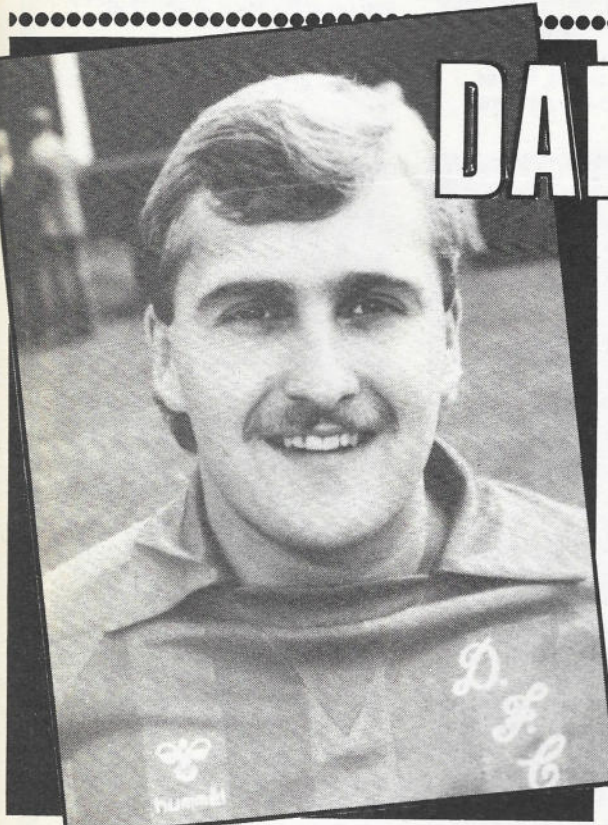
To spy on offenders



YOU & ME

FROM THE EDITOR'S OFFICE

DARLINGTON DAFT



WILLIAM MURDOCH, from Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham, writes in praise of Darlington 'keeper Fred Barber.

"I feel that Fred didn't really get the credit he deserved for the part he played in helping Darlington win promotion to the Third Division.

"Not only is Fred a great goalie, he is Darlington daft.

"He has never wanted to play for any other club since standing on the Feethams terraces as a youngster.

"Fred isn't content just to play for Darlington... he gets involved with every aspect of the club.

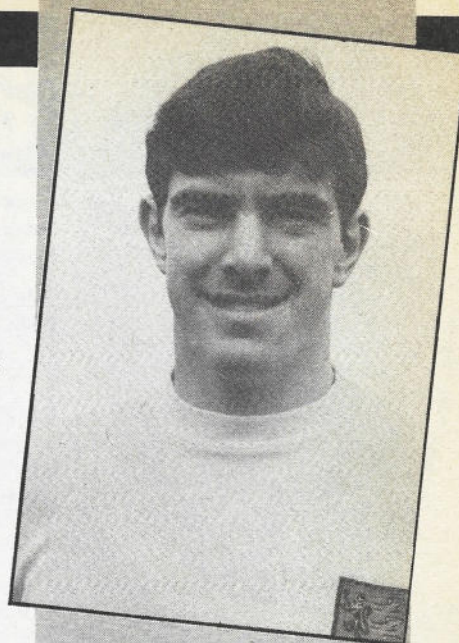
"During the close season Fred can be found painting the stands, the dressing-rooms — even cutting the pitch.

"Fred Barber may not be as well-known as Peter Shilton, but few players in the First Division are as dedicated as him."

● A big hand for Fred Barber, goalkeeper extraordinary.

FOR SALE

John Caulfield, Aughadriston, Lisacul, Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon, Eire wants to sell his entire programme collection (which includes many from Tottenham and Manchester United), plus many football books and magazines. Write to John direct if you are interested.



ED'S TEASER

THIS former Everton, Ipswich, Millwall and Northern Ireland star was recently a Wembley winner. Who is he?

There are £5 postal orders for the first five correct entries opened after the closing date Friday July 26th, 1985.

The answer to Ed's Teaser in our 29th June issue was

Bobby McDonald

Fivers on their way to: Steven Rundle, South London; Craig Milner, Doncaster; Kevin Daly, Co. Cork; Ian Croston, Coventry; Chris Mackie, Fife.

Pen Pals Corner

● RICHARD BOAR is 11-years-old and moved to the USA in November, 1983. He misses his football and would like a pen pal from England. Write to Richard, c/o Box 10, N Reuben Road, Glendale, Oregon, 97442, USA.

● LEE MARSHALL supports Aston Villa and would like to hear from a girl reader aged 15-16 who supports any team in the First or Second Division apart from Liverpool. Write to Lee at 9 Princess Elizabeth Way, Cheltenham, Glos.

SUBBUTEO WORLD RECORD BID

TO raise money for the Bradford City Disaster Fund, Trevor Spencer, a Marketing Executive for Subbuteo, will attempt to smash the world record for continuous play of the famous table top soccer game.

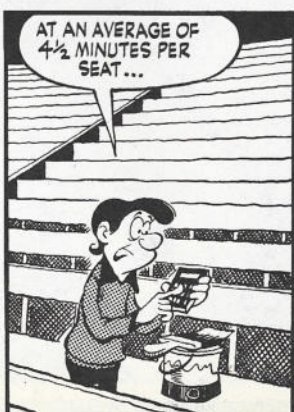
"The existing record is 53 hours, 13 minutes," says Trevor. "We will be going for 55 hours."

Kick-off is this Thursday (July 18th) at 9.00am and play is scheduled to end at 4.00pm Saturday.

The venue... Sports Shoes Unlimited, Hall Ings, Bradford.

"The shop is owned by Bruce Bannister, the former Bristol Rovers striker. I hope readers in the area will come along and give me and my opponent Brian Rankin, who organises the Subbuteo Association, much needed encouragement and support."

BOOTHBOY



Dick Millington

Dalglish - a mistake

BRIAN CLARK from Douglas, Isle of Man, predicts Liverpool will regret making Kenny Dalglish their manager.

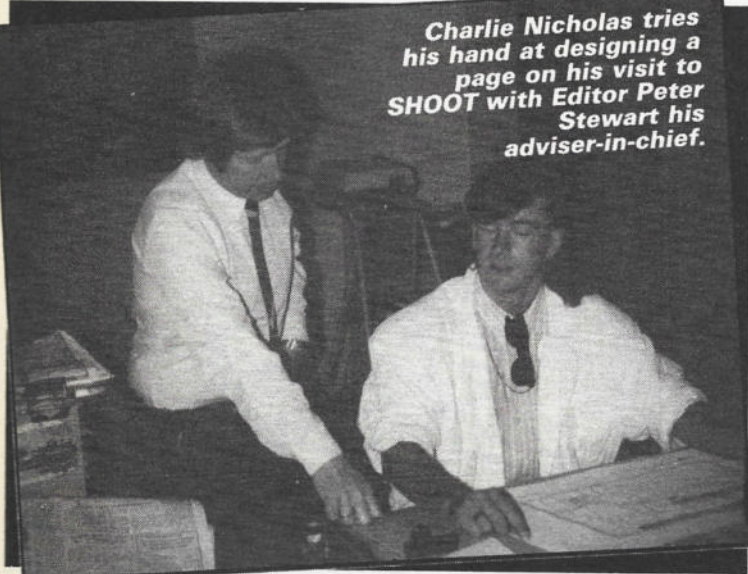
"I believe Ronnie Moran should have got the job, with Phil Neal his assistant.

"From what I've seen and heard I don't believe Kenny, as great a player as he is,

has the necessary qualities and personality to be the boss of a great club like Liverpool."

● Liverpool haven't made too many mistakes over the past 20 years, Brian. Kenny will still have people like Ronnie Moran, Bob Paisley and Phil Neal to call on if necessary.

Charlie Nicholas tries his hand at designing a page on his visit to SHOOT with Editor Peter Stewart his adviser-in-chief.



Look who popped in...

I had a famous visitor the other day... our star-writer Charlie Nicholas.

Before lunch the popular Arsenal and Scotland star had a look around the SHOOT offices and even tried his hand at laying out one of the pages.

Thomas on TV?

TOM JACKSON of Clacton-on-Sea is fed up seeing the same old faces on TV panels.

"It's about time we had a top referee on these TV teams.

"I would like to suggest the BBC invite Clive Thomas on their World Cup panel of experts. His comments would really liven things up."

● A good idea, Tom... if soccer remains on TV next season.

SHOOT/LEVI'S COMPETITION

IN our Levi's Competition (issue dated 11.5.85) we illustrated artist's impressions of four top footballers dressed in casual clothes and then listed their names along with their favourite hobby. We asked you to match the footballers with the illustrations. And then in case of any ties, we asked entrants to complete a tie-breaking sentence.

Having considered all entries, the judges decided that the best received were those sending in:

1 — B; 2 — A; 3 — D; 4 — C

All entries giving the above were judged on their tie-breakers and the First Prizewinner emerged as David Jones of Stretton, Stafford, who wins a week's all expenses paid holiday at the Bobby Charlton Soccer School in Manchester.

● We are sorry but we don't have enough space to print the names of the 10 runners-up, who each receive a Levi's sweatshirt.

Thanks Boris

WIMBLEDON King Boris Becker is the Champion we have waited for. The big West German's arrival marks the end of the foul-mouthed, ill-mannered era of McEnroe yobbbism.

Becker is every bit as talented and competitive as McEnroe without needing to resort to the street-fighter antics of the surly American that has often brought shame to the sport.

Becker's sportsmanship and behaviour on court make him an eminently worthy Champion, and a perfect model for youngsters to copy.

Is it too much to hope that players who bring football into disrepute can learn from Becker's exhibition of good humoured sportsmanship?

The message they need to grasp is simple: You don't need to be ill-mannered to be a champion.

If footballers can adopt the Becker code of disciplined behaviour, it is a fair bet that the standards they set on the pitch will be copied by their followers on the terraces.

And if that happens we might yet see peace restored and football regain its lost prestige.

Football can be proud of such dignified champions as Bryan Robson and Kenny Dalglish, but there are not enough of them in today's game.

Boris Becker's influence could well persuade those who bend the rules to bring their behaviour into line for the benefit of our national game.

The French Connection

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OLMETA PRO —

Uppers in Goatskin with Special Soccer Treatment. Padded 'Pro' Tongue. Rear stabiliser.

"SORBOTHANE" inserts designed to eliminate all toe traumas and absorb 95% of shock waves and wounds.

LIGNE 7
Deene Road, Harringworth,
Corby, Northamptonshire.
Tel: 078 085334

Take this advertisement along to your local sports retailer and ask him to order you a pair from:—

have received a load of letters from fans pleading with me to stay loyal to Manchester United. They all express the same concern — that I should tell Italy to get lost!

The letters started arriving after reports circulated that Norman Whiteside and I were the targets for a sensational £3.5 million transfer to Italy.

I think I had better put the record straight. I am staying at Manchester United, and so is Norman.

It flatters my ego to know that foreign clubs are prepared to splash out such huge sums but my reaction to it all is the same this summer as it was last summer.

I don't want to leave Old Trafford.

It is a brave player who can say he will never be tempted to leave Britain. Maybe, one day, I shall receive an offer I find irresistible but at the moment my plans are to steer Manchester United to the League Championship in 1985-86 and keep my place in the England team that goes to Mexico for next year's World Cup Finals.

It takes more than a cheque-book to persuade me to shift clubs. I love playing for Manchester United — and that's where I'm staying.

I doubt if there is a better club in the world to play for than United. It is one of the greatest stadiums in Europe, the fans are tremendous, and the officials, management and players are the best set of people you could possibly spend time with.

This is a crucial time for football and I want to play my part in helping us recover our pride and prestige.

Get lost!

Star writer
Bryan Robson



It saddened me to read Tommy Docherty's remarks after his sacking by Wolves.

He said: "The players just don't seem to have the appetite any more," and went on to condemn football for not being the game it was.

Sorry Tommy, I really can't agree with you. Yes, the Brussels tragedy did more damage to the game than you can possibly imagine, but there is much to be praised.

Have Everton players lost their appetite, Tommy? Or Liverpool's, or Tottenham's or Manchester United's or Celtic's, or Dundee United's or Rangers' ...?

No, I think Tommy has become dispirited because of the situation

he faced at struggling Wolves. I felt sorry for the former Manchester United boss, who still has many supporters on the terraces at Old Trafford.

Talking about Old Trafford, I understand that Mark Hughes and Norman Whiteside have been offered better terms for next season.

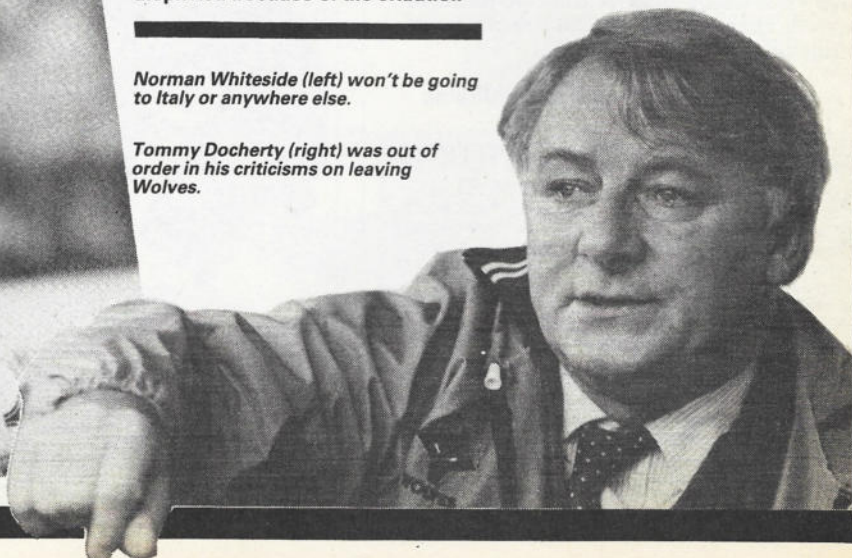
No United player deserves an uplift more than Mark, arguably the most improved striker in the country.

See you next week ...

Bryan Robson

Norman Whiteside (left) won't be going to Italy or anywhere else.

Tommy Docherty (right) was out of order in his criticisms on leaving Wolves.



Falco stands firm

In the six years since Mark Falco scored on his League debut at Bolton, Spurs have spent more than £3,600,000 trying to get their forward line right.

The Hackney-born striker knows he'll never be the fans' favourite while big-money signings like Clive Allen, John Chiedoie and now Chris Waddle are also vying for a place up front.

But the imminent departure of £600,000 Garth Crooks, frustrated at his inability to win a regular first team place, proves once again that Mark Falco is as stubborn as they come.

For since that 1979 debut at Burnden Park, Falco has also seen off the challenges of Gerry Armstrong, Colin Lee, Chris Jones, Terry Gibson, Steve Archibald and Alan Brazil!

And don't forget that it was because of Falco's promise as a youngster that Spurs released Kerry Dixon without even giving him a chance in the first team.



Ironically, Dixon was one of only two players to score more First Division goals than Falco last season. England international Gary Lineker was the other.

Tottenham's bid to win their first League Championship since 1961 ended in failure. They finished the season in third place, trailing Everton by 13 points.

But little of the blame can be attached to Falco. He scored 22 League goals last season, more than twice as many as any of his team-mates.

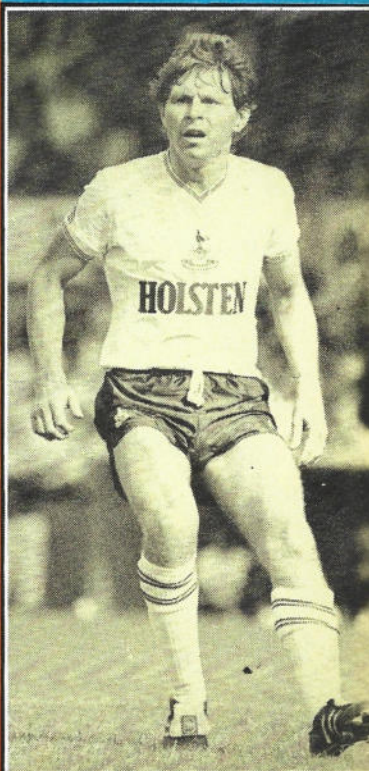
Add to that two Milk Cup goals, one in the F.A. Cup and another three in the UEFA Cup, and it's plain to see just why Spurs manager Peter Shreeves rates Falco so highly.

The 24-year-old striker, who was once loaned out to Chelsea, is certain to be in Tottenham's starting line-up for their first game of the new season at home to Watford.

And chances are that he'll have yet another strike partner in former Newcastle star Chris Waddle, the latest in a long line of expensive Tottenham recruits.

Young David Leeworthy will also be in contention, as will £750,000 Clive Allen when he has finally recovered from a recurring groin injury problem.

Clive Allen is likely to miss Tottenham's first games of the season because of injury.



ANDY G



THE date was August 18, 1973. The occasion was a Scottish League Cup First Round tie, and Dundee United were trailing Motherwell 4-0.

Few of the 5,000 fans at Fir Park that day realised it at the time, but they were about to witness the start of a soccer legend.

For with the result beyond all doubt and only a few minutes left to play, Andrew Mullen Gray was sent on as a belated substitute for J. Henry for his first taste of senior football.

Eleven days later, 17-year-old Andy Gray started his first game for Dundee United and scored in a 5-2 thrashing of East Fife. He has never looked back since.

The record books will show that in 481 games for Dundee United, Aston Villa, Wolves, Everton and Scotland's Under-23 and senior teams, Gray has scored 192 goals.

All four of his clubs have reached at

least one major Cup Final during his time with them.

All four qualified for European football thanks to Andy's goals, which also helped him collect winners' medals in the 1980 League Cup Final, the 1984 F.A. Cup Final and the 1985 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

In 1977, he became the first and only player to be named as Young Player of the Year and Player of the Year at the same time by his fellow members of the PFA.

And many Scotland fans will argue that their 1978 World Cup campaign in Argentina would not have been such a debacle had not Gray been so sensationally omitted from the squad by Ally MacLeod.

So it's hardly surprising that Gary Lineker's arrival at Everton provoked interest from his former club Aston Villa and led to his eventual return.

A staggering £1,835,000 has already been paid by Andy's three purchasers for his signature. Any further move will probably take his collective transfer fees past the £2 million mark.



LEFT: Rapid Vienna's Karl Brauneder finds Andy too hot to handle during last season's Cup-Winners' Cup Final.
ABOVE: A Milk Cup winner with Wolves in 1980.
ABOVE RIGHT: A goal for Scotland during the 2-0 win at Cardiff in 1983.

GRAY

Goal-snatcher supreme!

Aston Villa set the ball rolling when they paid Dundee United £100,000 for him in October, 1975. Andy's 69 goals in 142 games for the club work out at a cost of £1,594 each when divided into that transfer fee.

But don't forget that Villa also reached the 1977 League Cup Final, beating Everton in a lucrative three-match Final and qualifying for a UEFA Cup place the following season.

And don't forget the staggering £1,525,000 they collected from Wolves when Gray moved to Molineux in September, 1979.

On the face of it, Gray's four years at Molineux were a financial disaster. Just 45 goals in 162 games work out at a mammoth £33,888 each.

But at the same time, Wolves had just sold Steve Daley to Manchester City for £1,150,000. So Andy's real transfer fee was less than £400,000.

And without his 1980 League Cup winner against Nottingham Forest, the struggling Midlands club would have been in

financial difficulties much sooner.

When Gray arrived at Goodison Park in November, 1983, Everton were 17th in the First Division and attendances were down to 13,000.

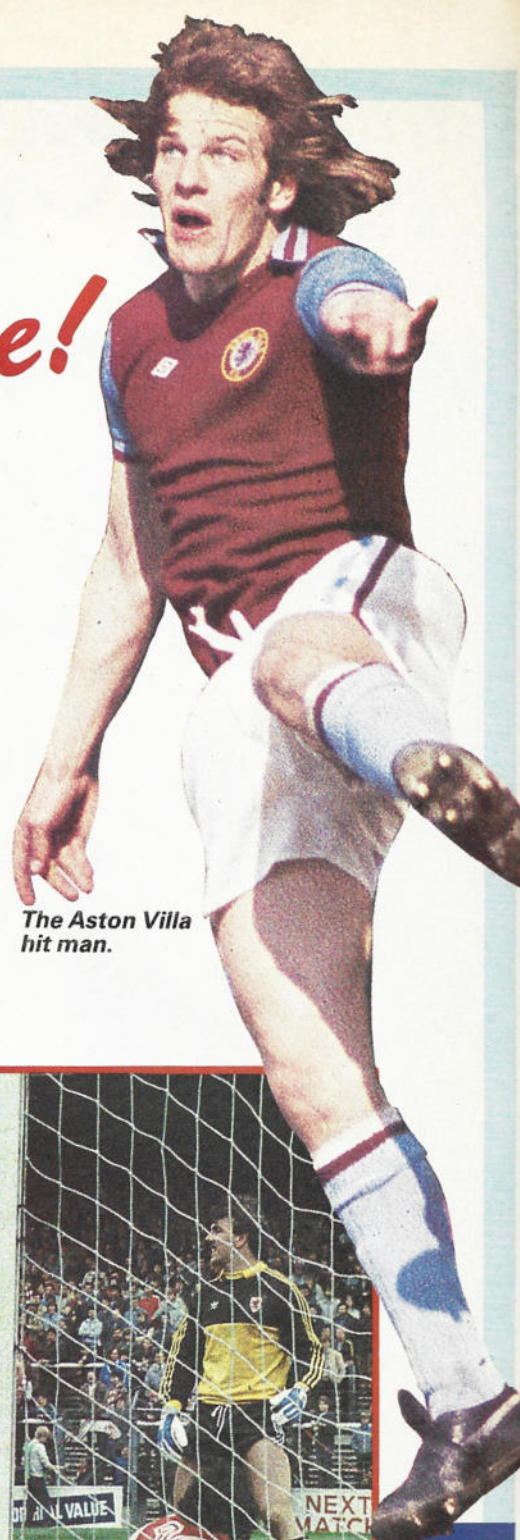
At the end of that season, they had moved into the top ten, reached the Milk Cup Final and won the F.A. Cup thanks to a goal from Gray in the Final against Watford.

And last season was even more of a success for the man who wasn't even a first team regular until Adrian Heath was ruled out for the rest of the campaign by injury in December.

Everyone knows that Everton won the Championship by 13 points and thrashed Rapid Vienna in the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

And even defeat by Manchester United in the F.A. Cup Final cannot detract from Andy Gray's tremendous contribution to Everton's success in 1984-85.

Now, Villa fans hope that the Gray magic will work for them.



The Aston Villa hit man.



12 YEARS OF MAGIC

DUNDEE UNITED

Turned professional in May, 1973.
62 League games 36 goals
8 Scottish Cup games 3 goals
14 Scottish League Cup games 8 goals
4 Cup-Winners' Cup games 0 goals
Collected a Scottish Cup runners-up medal v Celtic in 1974.

ASTON VILLA

Signed for £110,000 in October, 1975.
113 League games 54 goals
6 F.A. Cup games 3 goals
18 League Cup games 10 goals
5 UEFA Cup games 2 goals
Collected a League Cup winner's medal in 1977 v Everton. Voted PFA Player of the Year and PFA Young Player of the Year in 1977.

WOLVES

Signed for £1,525,000 in September, 1979.
134 League games 38 goals
13 F.A. Cup games 3 goals
13 League/Milk Cup games 3 goals
2 UEFA Cup games 1 goal
Collected a League Cup winner's medal in 1980 v Nottm. Forest. Helped Wolves to promotion in 1982-83.

EVERTON

Signed for £200,000 in November, 1983.
44 League games 14 goals
15 F.A. Cup games 3 goals
1 Milk Cup game 0 goals
5 Cup-Winners' Cup games 5 goals
Collected an F.A. Cup winner's medal in 1984 v Watford. League Championship medal in 1985. European Cup-Winners' Cup winner's medal v Rapid Vienna in 1985 and an F.A. Cup runners-up medal v Man. Utd in 1985.

SCOTLAND (Under-23): 4 games — 2 goals. SCOTLAND: 20 games — 7 goals.

Bargains galore in the

SUMMER SALE

Sheffield Wednesday new boy Glyn Snodin having a ball.



Transfers since June 1st...

PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE	PLAYER	FROM	TO	FEE
Paul Culpin	Nuneaton Bor.	Coventry	£50,000	Aidan McCaffrey	Bristol Rvrs.	Exeter	Free
Justin Fashanu	Notts Co.	Brighton	£115,000	Alan Crawford	Bristol City	Exeter	Free
Paul Allen	West Ham	Spurs	£400,000	Gary Lineker	Leicester	Everton	Tribunal
Dave Sutton	Huddersfield	Bolton	£12,000	Andy Rogers	Plymouth	Reading	£15,000
Mark Lillis	Huddersfield	Man. City	£132,000	John Thomas	Lincoln	Preston	£15,000
Peter Wells	Millwall	Orient	Free	Michael Giles	WBA	Bradford	Free
Brian Borrows	Bolton	Coventry	£80,000	Ron Green	Shrewsbury	Bristol Rvrs.	£15,000
Karl Elsey	Cardiff	Gillingham	Free	Keith Hicks	Hereford	Rochdale	Free
Jimmy Loveridge	Swansea	Charlton	Free	Phil Hughes	Leeds	Bury	Free
Brian Talbot	Arsenal	Watford	£150,000	Lee Dixon	Chester	Bury	£10,000
Glyn Snodin	Doncaster	Sheff. Wed.	Tribunal	Steve Pears	Man. Utd.	Middlesboro	£80,000
David Cork	Arsenal	Huddersfield	Free	Tom Heffernan	Sheff. Utd.	B'nemouth	Free
David Mehew	Leeds	Bristol Rvrs.	Free	Frank Bunn	Luton	Hull	£40,000
Terry Curran	Everton	Huddersfield	Free	Colin Clarke	Tranmere	B'nemouth	£22,500
Arnold Muhren	Man. Utd.	Ajax	Free	Dean Emerson	Stockport	Barnsley	£35,000
Frank McAvennie	St. Mirren	West Ham	£340,000	Gordon Cowans	Aston Villa	Bari	£850,000
Malcolm Brown	Newcastle	Huddersfield	£50,000	Paul Rideout	Aston Villa	Bari	Combined
Ken McNaught	WBA	Sheff. Utd.	£10,000	Ross McClaren	Shrewsbury	Derby	£20,000
David Cross	WBA	Bolton	Free	Ian Bray	Hereford	Huddersfield	£20,000
Kevin Drinkell	Grimsby	Norwich	£100,000	Colin Calderwood	Mansfield	Swindon	£10,000
Nigel Johnson	Rotherham	Man. City	Tribunal	Paul Maguire	Stoke	Port Vale	Free
Darren Hughes	Everton	Shrewsbury	Free	David Moss	Luton	Swindon	Free
David McAughtrie	Carlisle	York	£7,500	Ray Lewington	Fulham	Sheff. Utd.	Undisclosed
Peter Withe	Aston Villa	Sheff. Utd.	Free	Gary Nelson	Swindon	Plymouth	£15,000
Richard Hill	Nuneaton Bor.	Northampton	£30,000	Andy Williams	Solihull Bor.	Coventry	£20,000
Trevor Morley	Nuneaton Bor.	Northampton	Combined	Kenny Clements	Oldham	Man. City	£25,000
Imre Varadi	Sheff. Wed.	WBA	Tribunal	Ian Dawes	Newcastle	Northampton	Free
Neil Smillie	Brighton	Watford	£100,000	Chris Turner	Sunderland	Man. Utd.	Tribunal
Paul Atkinson	Watford	Oldham	£30,000	Mark Wallington	Leicester	Derby	£25,000
Graham Reed	Frickley Ath.	Northampton	£5,000	Paul Curtis	Charlton	Northampton	Free
Peter Litchfield	Preston	Bradford	£10,000	Barry Silkman	Orient	Southend	Free

Champions Everton beat off stiff opposition to sign England hot-shot Gary Lineker. Kenny Clements (left), back at Man. City.



Ken Brown will be working with the axe hovering over his head when he leads relegated Norwich into the new season.

For the message from the board is loud, clear ... and uncompromising. "Get us back to the First Division at the first attempt — or else!"

Brown knows the score — and accepts it. "This club is geared to First Division football and can't afford to hang about in getting it back," he says.

**NORWICH AXE
HOVERS OVER
BROWN...**

UP OR OUT!

"I have been working under pressure in the four years I've been manager here, so this is nothing new. We all want to bounce straight back and I think I have got a squad of players capable of doing it."

Brown faces a massive job of lifting morale after a season that went sickeningly sour on The Canaries, who enjoyed the greatest day in their history when they won the Milk Cup at Wembley on March 24.

Nine weeks later they were in the Second Division following a disastrous run of results and an amazing late escape by Coventry.

That shattering setback was followed by the news they would be banned from playing in Europe for the first time following the death riots in Brussels.

So everyone is on the floor and it's Brown's job to pick them up to begin the Second Division campaign at home to Oldham on August 17.

Plans to start the confidence restoring campaign on a pre-season tour of Scandinavia have also had to be scrapped following the world-wide ban on English clubs.

Now they have to settle instead for a programme of friendlies against the likes of Cambridge, Gillingham and Reading.

Dave Watson and Steve Bruce will both come under close scrutiny this summer.



Brown knows the top clubs are likely to move in for his international stars Dave Watson and Chris Woods, who has had a transfer request refused, as well as powerful defender Steve Bruce. But he is confident he can hang on to them.

And he has been busy in the summer, adding new signings Gary Brooke, David Williams, Mike Phelan and Graham Benstead to the Carrow Road staff.

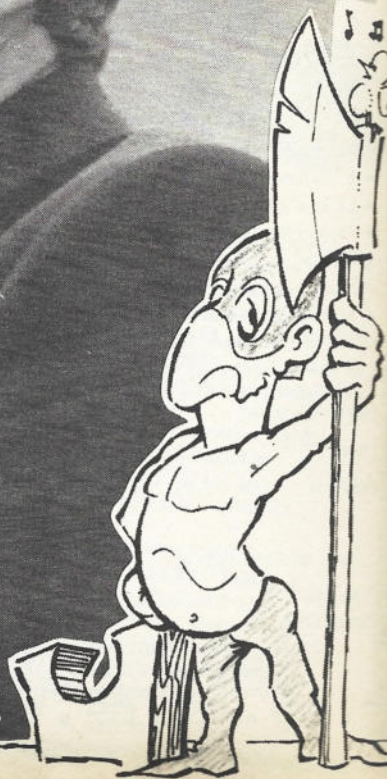
And there could be more to follow. For he is determined not to be caught out again through lack of cover in vital areas.

"We were found wanting in the vital run-in and I learned a very sharp lesson from that. In future I will never be in the position of lacking competition for every place in the team," Brown says.

"One or two players went off form and were having such a bad time they should have come out of the team. But they had to stay there because I had no one else to put in."

"The sudden slump into the Second Division after the euphoria of our Milk Cup success has been a jolt to everyone here. Deep down no one expected it to happen — now it has they have learned that anything is possible in football."

"Nobody wants to play in the Second Division and we will all be working flat out to make sure our stay there is as brief as possible."

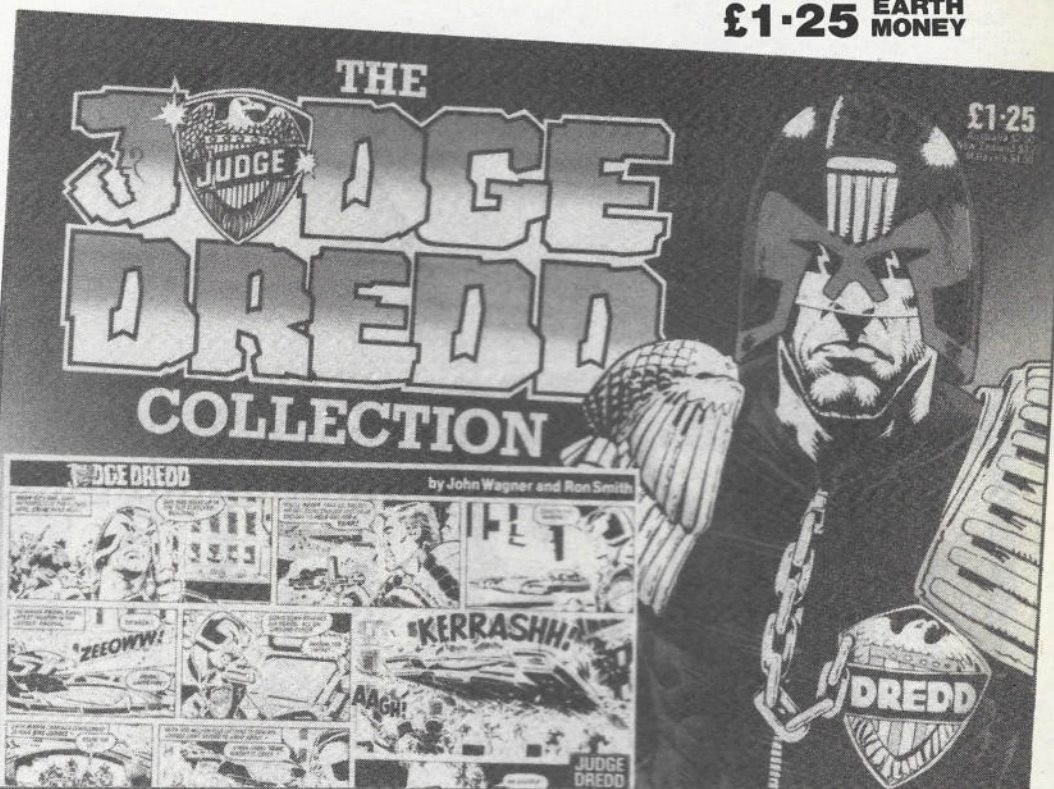


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whistle."



"If this doesn't get you moving,
nothing will."

BUILDING FOR NEXT SEASON

Phil Parkes is something of an expert on building. He has his own building firm which is doing very well indeed, and big Phil could quite easily quit football right now to concentrate full time on the work he admits is piling up.

He doesn't intend to, though! Parkes has another project in mind — to help pile-drive West Ham to success after the relegation traumas of last season.

"Hammers could shock a few critics next season," says Phil. "The younger

players in the team matured tremendously last season because of the pressure they found themselves under, and I'm convinced the side will reap the benefit next term."

Parkes missed most of last season due to a succession of injuries, and also the fine form of stand-in Tom McAlister.

Ironically, it was a nasty rib injury to McAlister which eventually let Parkes back in.

There were reports that Parkes was about to quit Upton Park because of the frustration of having to sit on the sidelines, but Phil says that was all a misunderstanding.

"As usual, someone put two and two together — and made five," he says.

"I'd become more involved in my building business because the manual work had helped me regain fitness.

"When I was ready for a comeback the boss John Lyall had decided to keep faith with Tom, so when I was asked for my reaction I simply said if all I was going to be guaranteed was reserve team football, then I'd have to consider the situation. I never said I wanted to quit the club."

In fact, Phil reveals he now has a new three-year contract which ties him to West Ham until he's 38, and having regained the jersey he intends to see it through.

Piledriver Parkes

Brickie Burridge

John Burridge also knows what it means to be as safe as houses. Like Phil Parkes he builds them.

Throughout his 17 years as a professional the colourful 'keeper has spent his summers working on building sites from Workington to Southend.

"When I joined Workington as an apprentice I needed to work so I got a job as a hod carrier," says the chirpy 33-year-old known as 'Budgie' to his mates. "I've done it every summer to keep fit."

Prestige

But not this summer, though. Burridge's club Sheffield United — his eighth in a much-travelled career — went on a prestige trip to the United States. And that stopped him taking up an offer from the building company of United President Dick Wragg.

"Mr Wragg kindly offered me a job and I would have taken it — but the tour got in the way," says John. "I reckon I would gladly have swapped the star-spangled glamour of the States for other activities back home."

"I'll be back on the site next year," vows John, who reckons that his work in the trade helps him build-up for goalkeeping.

"One summer at Wolves I thought I'd have a good rest. Never again! I came back shattered instead of rested. It takes me a long time to get started in training if I've done no work in between."

"It's not for the money. It helps to keep my hands hard. It's also good for the shoulders — and all that going up and down ladders tones up the leg muscles, too."

And his years of experience have made him quite skilled in other areas. "I can lay drains and do anything behind a mixer," says John, who forms the foundation of a Sheffield United side building for the First Division with the signings of Peter Withe and Ken McNought.





WHIRLWIND

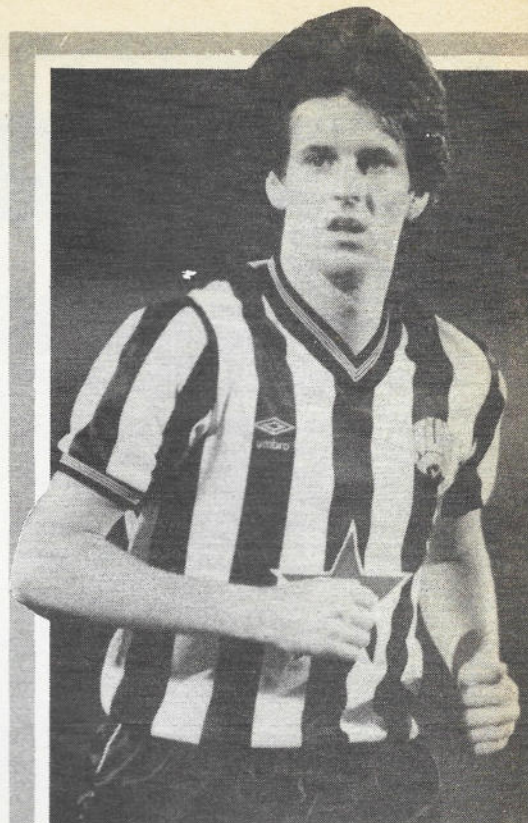
George Burley had not even broken into a sweat when he scored his nightmare own-goal. Ipswich's Scottish international right-back put Newcastle on the way to a 3-0 victory at St. James' Park last October with an own-goal after just 20 seconds!

It equalled the quickest own-goal on record, by David Fretwell, playing for Bradford City against Luton in an F.A. Cup Fourth Round tie in January, 1974.

"It was an intended pass back that caught the wind and went over the head of our goalkeeper Paul Cooper," explains Burley.

"There wasn't much the rest of the lads could say. Nobody deliberately scores an own-goal. It is just one of those things that happen and all part of the game. Still, it was the first own-goal I'd scored in senior football."

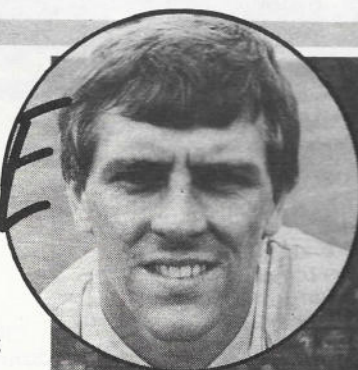
GEORGE BURLEY
(Ipswich)



GROAN

Five stars relive the moment of horror every player

DOUBLE TROUBLE



GRAHAM ROBERTS
(Tottenham)

Graham Roberts is always in the thick of the action at the heart of Spurs defence. So it is hardly surprising that the England man has been responsible for his share of own-goals.

But one particular match he will want to forget was when Spurs lost 4-1 at home to Second Division Burnley in the Fifth Round of the Milk Cup in January, 1983 — and he scored two of their goals!

"What a night," exclaims Roberts. "I can still remember both own-goals. I tried to clear the first, thinking that Billy Hamilton was behind me, and it just flew into the net. The second simply hit me on the way in."

"Afterwards I blamed myself for the defeat and was upset for everybody at the club. But as a professional I had to put it all out of my mind — though that wasn't easy, I can assure you!"



FACEACHE

Few of those present will forget the incredible series of events crowded into 90 minutes at Loftus Road last season when Queens Park Rangers fought back from 4-0 down at half-time to draw 5-5 with Newcastle.

But United's Kenny Wharton wishes that he could do just that!

Rangers had managed to pull a goal back when Peter Haddock's attempted clearance hit Wharton full in the face and rebounded into the net.

"Although I was in pain I fell towards our goal and watched helplessly as the ball sailed in," says Wharton.

"Rangers completely re-organised themselves after the break and looked a different team. We simply couldn't cope.

"I was sick over that goal. But for it I am sure they would not have got back."

KENNY WHARTON

(Newcastle)



Bruce battles with Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool during his ill-fated first appearance for Norwich.

BIG K.O.

Steve Bruce surely made one of the most remarkable debuts for a new club.

He scored an own-goal after two minutes, and five minutes later knocked out a team-mate!

"The fans must have thought Norwich had signed a right idiot," says the defender bought by Norwich from Gillingham for £135,000 last July.

"We were playing Liverpool at Carrow Road. Jan Molby sent over a cross from the right and I watched my attempted headed clearance sail past Chris Woods.

"I was so relieved when Keith Bertschin equalised that I leapt on Mick Channon's back to celebrate. Unfortunately, Mick lost his balance and inadvertently butted Keith in the face!

"The own-goal would have haunted me if we had lost. As it was, the game ended 3-3 and was an absolute thriller."

STEVE BRUCE

(Norwich)

GOALS

dreads — when he puts the ball into his own net.

Billy Hamilton celebrates as the grounded Roberts diverts the ball past his own goalkeeper Ray Clemence.



A bizarre own-goal by Noel Blake cost Portsmouth their unbeaten record last season at Wimbledon in October. But Pompey's England Under-21 'keeper Alan Knight was the real culprit.

Knight injured a knee a minute before half-time as Alan Cork shot Wimbledon ahead.

Pompey kicked-off again, and promptly played it back to centre-half Blake who, in turn, kicked it towards his goal for Knight to collect.

KNIGHTMARE

But the 'keeper was so concerned with his injury that he had spent the whole time crouching by the penalty-spot, attending to his knee, and didn't notice the ball trickle past him into the net!

The reaction of manager Alan Ball was predictably to the point: "You'll never see another goal as soft as that in your life. It was lunacy. If Alan was hurt, he should have called for treatment. It was thoroughly unprofessional of him."



NOEL BLAKE

(Portsmouth)

Wigan's recent Freight Rover Trophy success could be the springboard to even greater things.

The League's youngest club — they were elected to replace Southport only seven years ago — have their sights firmly set on another target next season, promotion to the Second Division.

In an area best known for its Rugby League tradition — Wigan won the Challenge Cup at Wembley this year in front of a record 99,801 crowd — the football club are making rapid progress.

Manager Bryan Hamilton insists: "Our target has to be to maintain the improvement. That means promotion and we have to believe it can be done."

Hamilton steered Wigan to Wembley triumph over Brentford in front of 40,000 fans, a sure sign that the Freight Rover



Wigan's young team celebrate their Freight Rover success at Wembley.



Bryan Hamilton

WIGAN WHIZZKIDS

competition will become a permanent fixture in the soccer calendar.

He had only been in charge at Springfield Park for seven weeks before Wigan clinched their Wembley place with a dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Mansfield in the North Area Final.

"I worked the players hard and made extra demands of them, but their response was exactly what I wanted.

"The senior players have been absolutely magnificent and I'm excited at the young talent we have at the club," says the 38-year-old who collected 50 senior caps for Northern Ireland.

"I only arrived at Wigan on transfer deadline day so I can't put our success down to any inspired signings. The

players who were here have done a tremendous job and the previous manager, Harry McNally, deserves a slice of the credit."

After revelling in the First Division spotlight with Ipswich and Everton, the modest Ulsterman sampled life at a lower level with Millwall and Swindon before joining Tranmere, where he made more than 100 appearances before devoting all his time to management.

Bitter end

His four and a half years in charge at Prenton Park came to a bitter end when he was sacked last season but he reflects: "I still have a lot of friends at Tranmere and I'll always be grateful to them for giving me a start in management."

Hamilton left Tranmere in a healthy state, as illustrated by their final position just outside the promotion frame. They were the Fourth Division's top marksmen and two free transfer signings, John Clayton and Colin Clarke, scored 65 goals between them.

Wigan had already disposed of Wrexham in the Freight Rover Trophy when Hamilton took over and it was ironic that his new side added the scalp of Tranmere en route to booking their Wembley ticket!

"We run a tight ship at Wigan," he points out, "but at the same time we retain a lot of the traditions that, sadly, seem to be disappearing from the game.

"There's tremendous warmth within the club and as we progressed along the way to Wembley the whole town really started to buzz."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

£60-a-week maestro



Cliff (left) is reunited with his former Spurs team-mates Ron Henry, Terry Medwin, Les Allen and Peter Baker at White Hart Lane.

Whenver people ask what happened to goalscoring wingers, the name of Cliff Jones invariably crops up in the conversation.

For the former Welsh international wizard not only made goals, but scored 135 in his 380 appearances for Spurs alone. Certainly he was the unsung hero of the 'double' side of 1961, when Cliff says football was all about enjoyment.

"I was on £60 a week which

was not a bad wage at the time, but the main difference was we loved playing and entertaining so much that the money was secondary."

Cliff still has many memories of that Spurs side, and the many trophies he won are proudly displayed in the living room of his beautiful house in Enfield, North London.

He is now 50-years-old and remains immensely fit which he puts down to his work as a Games Instructor at Highbury Grove School in Islington.



Compiled by
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Pit your wits against our quiz master and his stopwatch. Beat the time limit on each section — and check your rating.
Genius — 5 out of 5; Excellent — 4 out of 5; Good — 3 out of 5.

10 mins

Our artist has made ten changes to the reproduction. Can you find them?

Spot the difference



Beat the clock

X-WORD

10 mins

ACROSS:-

- (1) Ray —, West Ham full-back. (7)
- (4) — Cassells, Brentford striker. (5)
- (6) — Moses, Manchester United midfielder. (4)
- (8) Martyn — WBA defender. (7)
- (9) Ian P-in--R, Stoke striker. (3)
- (10) The ---- ball ground home of Derby County. (4)
- (11) Raised standing areas at the ground. (8)
- (14) S-en-ous-mu-- Scottish Second Division club. (5)
- (15) The 7th, 8th, 6th, 9th & 10th letters of Ronnie Whelan. (5)
- (18) Nottingham Forest defender. (4 & 4)
- (20) The ----s, nickname of Mansfield. (4)
- (21) — Gunners, Arsenal's nickname. (3)
- (22) Mike Lyons is the Sheffield Wednesday one. (7)
- (23) Marked section of the Field of Play. (4)
- (25) Paul —, Stoke defender. (5)
- (26) Ground of Reading. (3 & 4)

DOWN:-

- (1) Title awarded to Alf Ramsey, for example. (3)
- (2) Clive ---- head, WBA defender. (5)
- (3) Ground of Millwall. (3 & 3)
- (4) Boss of Norwich City. (3 & 5)
- (5) Colchester Un--ed play at -ay-r Road. (5)
- (7) Chris —, Stoke midfielder player. (7)
- (10) Gary Mab----t, Spurs player. (3)
- (12) — City play at Sealand Road. (7)
- (13) Losing Finalists in the 1982/83 F.A. Cup. (8)
- (16) The tibia is a bone in it. (3)
- (17) In a correct position to score. (6)
- (19) — Hill, Luton midfielder player. (5)
- (20) Graeme —, Everton striker. (5)
- (24) If Bury, Clyde & Rangers give "YES"; what will Chelsea, Leeds & York give? (3)

CLUBS

Norwich City goalkeeper Chris Woods has played for two other League clubs ... name them.



Whistle Up

A goalkeeper catches the ball and is falling towards his own goal-line when a team-mate pushes him out before the ball crosses the line. Should you (a) award a goal or (b) caution the team-mate and award a free-kick?

1 min

TOP MARKSMEN

The following players have finished as the First Division's leading goal-scorer. For which clubs were they playing?

1. Bob Latchford (1977-78)
2. Frank Worthington (1978-79)
3. Phil Boyer (1979-80)
4. Kevin Keegan (1981-82)
5. Luther Blissett (1982-83)

ANSWERS ON PAGE 33

The combined aerial prowess of Queens Park Rangers defenders Steve Wicks and Terry Fenwick proves too much for Nottingham Forest's Dutch midfielder ace Johnny Metgod.



!shoots



Mills to stop STOKE *Slide*

Stoke City's determination to put the disastrous events of last season behind them will be boosted by three of football's biggest names.

England supremo Bobby Robson the new Sunderland boss Lawrie McMenemy won't be putting in an appearance at the Victoria Ground, perhaps, but their presence will be felt in the shape of new manager Mick Mills.

The former England captain, who pipped more than 40 candidates for the job, learned invaluable lessons from a 900-game career served under Robson, for 13 years at Ipswich, and McMenemy, who took him to Southampton in 1982.

"I think every manager wants to be his own man," points out 36-year-old Mills, "but while I certainly have my own ideas and opinions on management I realise it will be to my advantage to implement the strengths of two such leading figures."

"Bobby and Lawrie taught me a lot but while both have been extremely successful they are poles apart in the way they tackle the job."

"Bobby likes to work closely with the players, training and coaching them, but Lawrie is the type to delegate a lot of the responsibility and is more isolated from the players."

'Groomed'

"Another way in which they differ is that Bobby's success at Portman Road was based on youth. He groomed his own players straight from school most of the time."

"Lawrie, however, made a lot of short-term signings who served the club well. Other managers might not have fancied players who were nearing the end of their careers but Lawrie was a shrewd judge and almost all of his deals proved to be good investments."

"I'd like to think I can incorporate both the Robson and McMenemy styles into the way I tackle the job and I know there will be plenty of other lessons to be learned as I go along."

Mills is delighted to have landed the Stoke job.

"It was always my intention to enter management this year and when I looked at the jobs available this was the one that appealed most of all," he reveals.

"People have warned me it's going to be tough after what happened last season but I can only see things on the plus side."

"Stoke are a big-name club, they have a good stadium and it's a definite football area with a good-sized area to draw support from."

Mills hopes to persuade winger Mark Chamberlain to stay at the Victoria Ground next season.

The slump

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
42	3	8	31	24	91	17

Tell-tale figures of a miserable 1984-85 season for Stoke City.

"Confidence and morale are low but it's hardly surprising. Last season's statistics don't make very pleasant reading and my first priority is to restore the spirit of the players."

"It might take a bit longer than we would like to get back into the First Division. The directors are realistic enough to accept that. What we must do is halt the slide, then consolidate and change direction as quickly as possible."

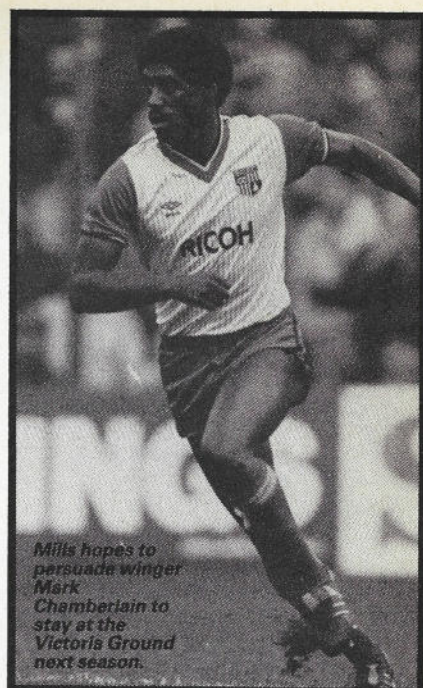
As articulate off the field as he was accomplished on it, Mills spent his first day in charge conducting newspaper, radio and television interviews and sees his relationship with the media as a vital part of his duties.

He also intends pursuing a playing career which has now spanned 20 years.

"I'll do the pre-season work with the lads and then take it game by game," he says. "If it's paying off I'll keep going but if things don't go well I won't be afraid of dropping out."

"Every player on the books will have a chance. I won't judge them on what I've seen playing against them; that wouldn't be fair."

Mills hopes to persuade England winger Mark Chamberlain to commit himself to Stoke for at least another season and is keen to acquire a player to add the midfield aggression necessary to complement the skills of a player he has always admired, Alan Hudson.

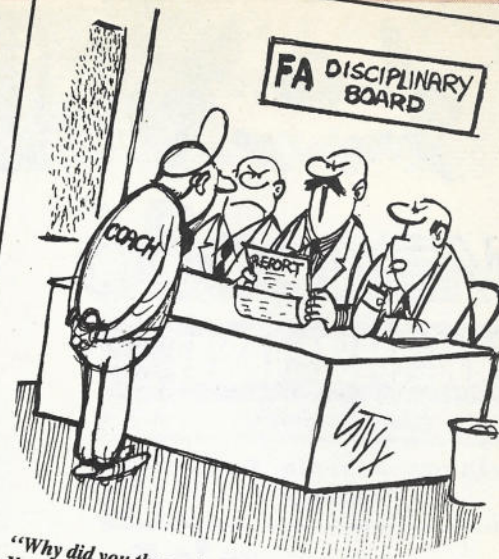


JOKE Factory

NO JOKE

One of the guest speakers at the Professional Footballers' Association dinner in London prepared himself for his big moment.

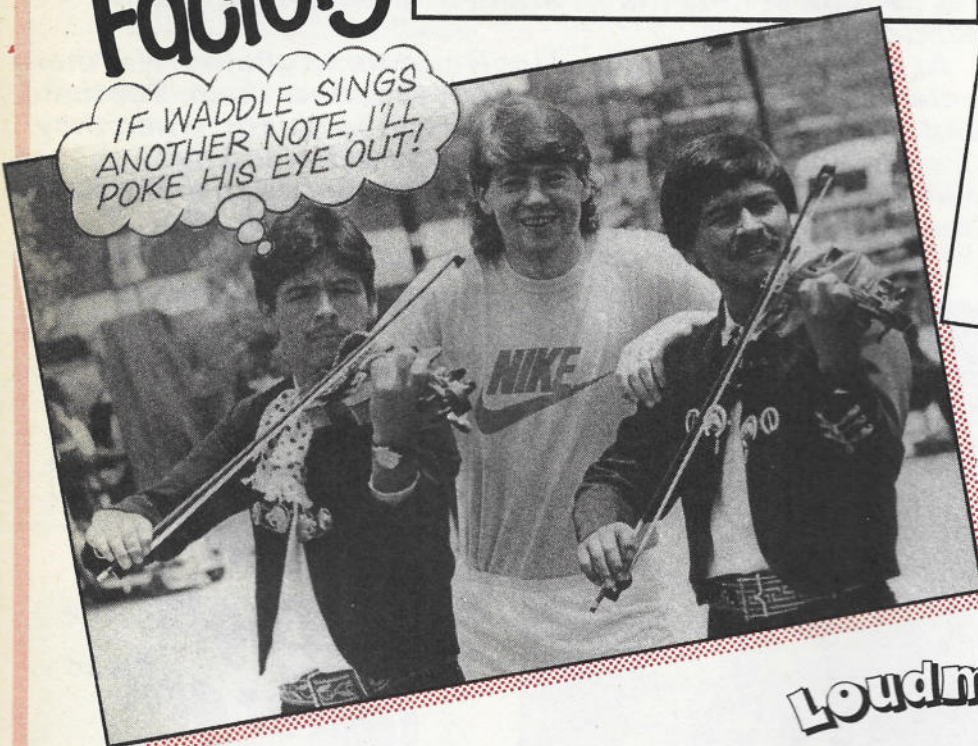
He was not helped, however, when the red-coated toastmaster approached him and said, with the best of intentions: "Are you ready now, sir, to speak or shall I let them enjoy themselves a little longer?"



"Why did you throw the magic sponge at the referee? You've turned him into a frog!"

The Irish international was asked how he had travelled to a game in Paris.

"I don't know" he replied, "my wife bought the tickets."



Loudmouth

A Swindon footballer was searching for his golf ball in the rough this summer when a lady drove off the tee and her ball flew into his open mouth.

The footballer plucked the ball from his throat and yelled: "Madam, the hole you should be aiming for has a flag in it."

"It was a fair decision, the penalty, even though it was debatable whether it was outside or inside the box," Bobby Charlton, BBC 1.

PUT SOME GO INTO IT! MY GRANNY COULD LEAP-FROG BETTER THAN YOU LOT!!

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SOUR MILK

Manchester United boss Ron Atkinson finished his lunch in a restaurant. The waitress asked if he would take coffee.

"Yes please," he replied.

The waitress went off but came back quickly and said: "With cream or without, Mr Atkinson?"

"Without cream," replied Big Ron.

Then followed a much-longer wait before the waitress returned, rather flustered, and said apologetically: "I'm sorry sir. There's no more cream. Will you have it without milk?"



Shilton is so good I've decided to pull off his 10 team-mates.

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WORLD CUP

MEXICO 86

GROUP ONE

(One Qualifier)

Belgium, Albania, Poland, Greece

Pole position

Poland and Belgium are battling it out to make Mexico without going through the convoluted extra qualifying procedure facing the runners-up in this group. And Poland hold the whip hand, their home game against Belgium on September 11 looking decisive.

Belgium	3,	Albania	1
Poland	3,	Greece	1
Poland	2,	Albania	2
Greece	0,	Belgium	0
Albania	2,	Belgium	0
Greece	2,	Albania	0
Belgium	2,	Greece	0
Belgium	2,	Poland	0
Greece	1,	Poland	4
Albania	0,	Poland	1

TO PLAY:

Albania v Greece (undated);
Poland v Belgium (11-9-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	5	3	1	1	10	6	7
Belgium	5	3	1	1	7	3	7
Albania	5	1	1	3	5	8	3
Greece	5	1	1	3	4	9	3

GROUP TWO

(Two Qualifiers)

W.Germany, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Portugal, Malta

German bankers

The Germans are bankers for Mexico, peaking, as they so often do, at the right time. The race is on for second place between Sweden and Portugal. The Swedes next face the leaders while Portugal go to dispirited Czechoslovakia and with both nations yet to complete their games against Malta, it could be decided on goal-difference.

Sweden	4,	Malta	0
Sweden	0,	Portugal	1
Portugal	2,	Czech	1
W. Germany	2,	Sweden	0
Czech	4,	Malta	0
Portugal	1,	Sweden	3
Malta	2,	W. Germany	3
Malta	1,	Portugal	3
Portugal	1,	W. Germany	2
W. Germany	6,	Malta	0
Malta	0,	Czech	0
Czech	1,	W. Germany	5
Sweden	2,	Czech	0

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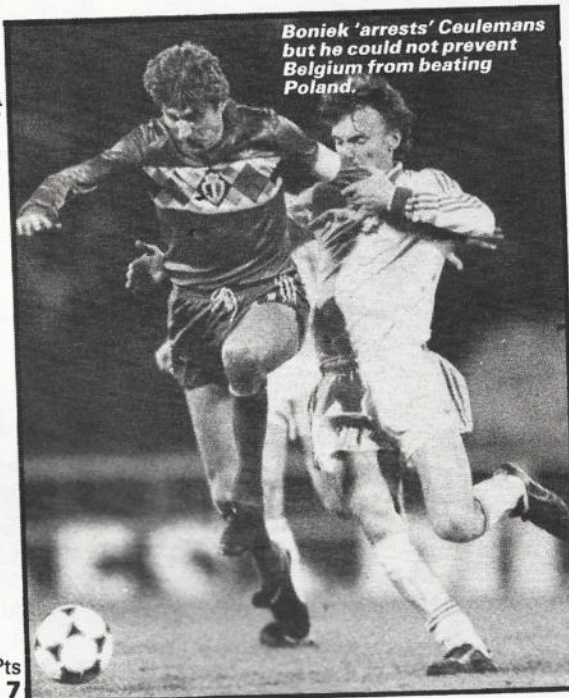
Sweden v W. Germany (25-9-85);
Czech v Portugal (25-9-85);
Portugal v Malta (12-10-85);
Czech v Sweden (16-10-85);
W. Germany v Portugal (16-10-85);
W. Germany v Czech (17-11-85);
Malta v Sweden (17-11-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	5	0	0	18	4	10
Sweden	5	3	0	2	9	4	6
Portugal	5	3	0	2	8	7	6
Czech	5	1	1	3	6	9	3
Malta	6	0	1	5	3	20	1

The 1986 World Cup qualifying groups have reached their summer breather-stage, which allows us to take a look at how things stand in all seven European sections.

At the moment, England look certain to qualify, Northern Ireland have it within their power to follow them, Scotland and Wales are going to slog it out to the 'death' when they meet in September and the Republic of Ireland need away-form they have never before produced to make the Mexico plane.

Here's how things stand before the dramatic late run-in.



Boniek 'arrests' Ceulemans but he could not prevent Belgium from beating Poland.

GROUP THREE

(Two Qualifiers)

England, N.Ireland, Finland, Rumania, Turkey

Unbeaten England. Ulster grit

After a blistering start, England's goals dried up. But they remain undisputed leaders, the favourites to win this section without losing a game. With three Wembley games to come, England look safe. Now it's up to the gritty Ulstermen to overcome the challenge of Rumania and the dark-horse challenge of the dogged Finns.

Finland	1,	N. Ireland	0
N. Ireland	3,	Rumania	2
England	5,	Finland	0
Turkey	1,	Finland	2
N. Ireland	2,	Finland	1
Turkey	0,	England	8
N. Ireland	0,	England	1
Rumania	3,	Turkey	0
N. Ireland	2,	Turkey	0
Rumania	0,	England	0
Finland	1,	England	1
Finland	1,	Rumania	1

TO PLAY:

Rumania v Finland (28-8-85);
Turkey v N.Ireland (11-9-85);
England v Rumania (11-9-85);
Finland v Turkey (25-9-85);
Rumania v N.Ireland (16-10-85);
England v Turkey (16-10-85);
England v N.Ireland (13-11-85);
Turkey v Rumania (14-11-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	5	3	2	0	15	1	8
N.Ireland	5	3	0	2	7	5	6
Finland	6	2	2	2	6	10	6
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Turkey	4	0	0	4	1	15	0

COUNTDOWN

**Cut out
and keep
guide**

GROUP FOUR

(Two Qualifiers)

Yugoslavia, E. Germany,
France, Bulgaria, Luxembourg

agony in Austria where Holland's shock 1-0 win in Hungary in the final game denied the Austrians a chance of making it via the play-off system concerning groups where only one nation qualifies. Holland now have that chance.

Cyprus	1,	Austria	2
Hungary	3,	Austria	1
Holland	1,	Hungary	2
Austria	1,	Holland	0
Cyprus	1,	Hungary	2
Cyprus	0,	Holland	1
Holland	7,	Cyprus	1
Hungary	2,	Cyprus	0
Austria	0,	Hungary	3
Holland	1,	Austria	1
Austria	4,	Cyprus	0
Hungary	0,	Holland	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	6	5	0	1	12	4	10
Holland	6	3	1	2	11	4	7
Austria	6	3	1	2	9	8	7
Cyprus	6	0	0	6	3	18	0

GROUP SIX

(Two Qualifiers)

Russia, Denmark, Norway,
Switzerland, Rep of Ireland

R. Ireland	1,	Russia	0
Norway	0,	Swiss	1
Denmark	1,	Norway	0
Norway	1,	Russia	1
Swiss	1,	Denmark	0
Norway	1,	R. Ireland	0
Denmark	3,	R. Ireland	0
Swiss	2,	Russia	2
R. Ireland	0,	Norway	0
Russia	4,	Swiss	0
R. Ireland	3,	Swiss	0
Denmark	4,	Russia	2

TO PLAY:

Swiss v R. Ireland (11-9-85);
Russia v Denmark (25-9-85);
Denmark v Swiss (9-10-85);
Norway v Denmark (16-10-85);
Russia v R. Ireland (16-10-85);
Swiss v Norway (13-11-85);
R. Ireland v Denmark (13-11-85);
Russia v Norway (undated).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	4	3	0	1	8	3	6
Rep. of Ireland	5	2	1	2	4	4	5
Swiss	5	2	1	2	4	9	5
Russia	5	1	2	2	9	8	4
Norway	5	1	2	2	2	3	4

GROUP SEVEN

(One Qualifier)

Scotland, Wales, Iceland,
Spain

Irish can do it

Without doubt the tightest of the seven groups. With one win, the Irish bounced from bottom to top only for Denmark to depose them three days later by hammering Russia. The Irish can make it... if they improve on a dreadful away record when they visit Switzerland and Russia. But the odds and fixtures favour Denmark and Russia for Mexico.

**Wales -
Scotland crunch**

The Wales v Scotland game will decide which nation makes it from what is now a water-tight group. Spain finish at home to Iceland and, if they take two points, will top the group if the British sides draw. But an outright victory for either British side will wholly eliminate the other! Quite a finale.

Iceland	1,	Wales	0
Spain	3,	Wales	0
Scotland	3,	Iceland	0
Scotland	3,	Spain	1
Wales	2,	Iceland	1
Spain	1,	Scotland	0
Scotland	0,	Wales	1
Wales	3,	Spain	0
Iceland	0,	Scotland	1
Iceland	1,	Spain	2

TO PLAY:

Wales v Scotland (11-9-85);
Spain v Iceland (25-9-85).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	5	3	0	2	7	3	6
Wales	5	3	0	2	6	5	6
Spain	5	3	0	2	7	7	6
Iceland	5	1	0	4	3	8	2

GROUP FIVE

(Hungary Qualify)

Hungary, Holland, Austria,
Cyprus

Hungary home

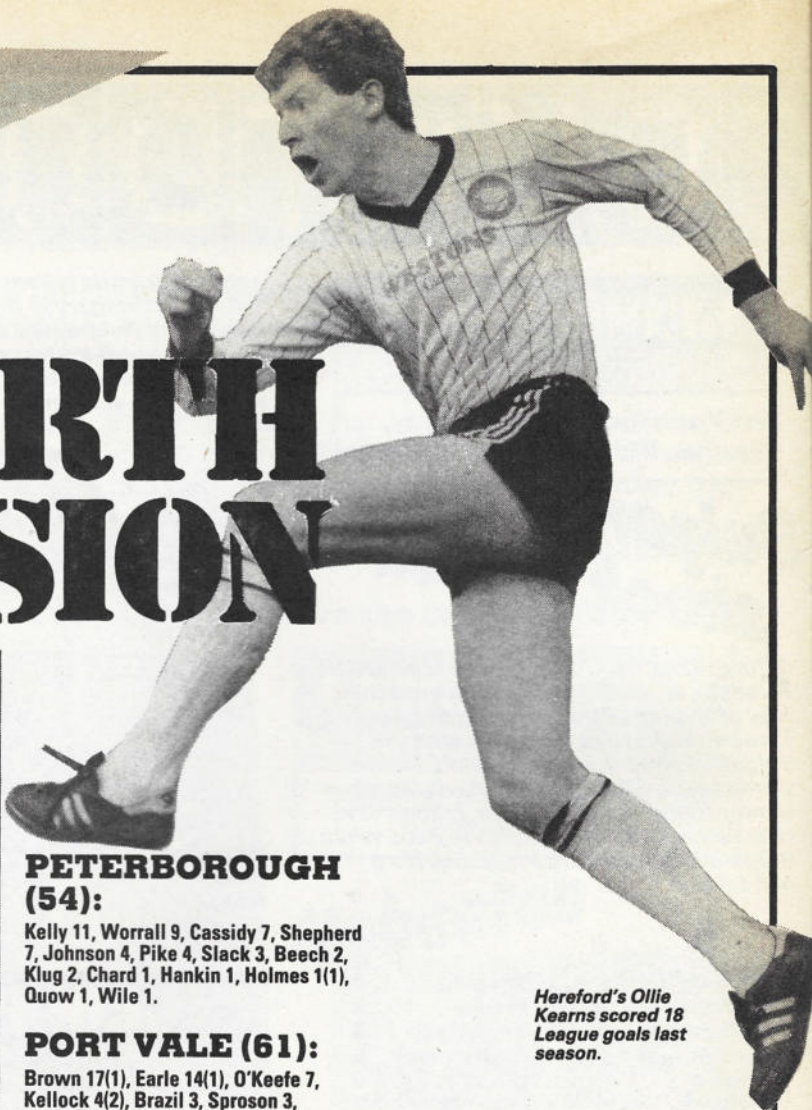
Ecstasy in Hungary where the new young team are taking Europe by storm and are now booked for Mexico;



Eire's Kevin Sheedy shows his determination against Switzerland.

1984-85

FOURTH DIVISION



Hereford's Ollie Kearns scored 18 League goals last season.



Colchester hot-shot Tony Adcock.

COLCHESTER CRACKERS

ALDERSHOT (56):

Foyle 15, McDonald 10(4), Staff 5, Banton 4, Coleman 4, Langley 4, Burvill 3, Foley 2, McCulloch 2, McNeill 2, Shrubbs 2, Massey 1, Mazzon 1, Peters 1.

BLACKPOOL (73):

Deary 13(6), Stonehouse 11(4), Dyer 8, Windridge 8, Stewart 6, O'Keefe 6, Britton 5, Hetzke 5, Greenall 3, Conroy 2, Walsh 2, Cegielski 1, Teasdale 1. 2 O.G.s.

BURY (76):

Madden 22, Entwistle 21, Ross 6(4), James 5, Bramhall 4, White 4, Young 4, Hill 3, Jakub 3, Buckley 1, Cutler 1, Pashley 1. 1 O.G.

CHESTER (60):

Rimmer 14(3), Walker 9(3), Sayer 6, Holden 5, Brett 4, Fox 4, Greenhough 4, Zelem 4(2), Brown 3, Bulmer 1, Coy 1, Evans 1, Higgins 1, Kitchen 1, O'Berg 1, Speight 1.

CHESTERFIELD (64):

Newton 15(4), Moss 12, Brown 9(3), Spooner 6, Kendal 5(1), Walker 4, Hunter 3, Baines 3, Bellamy 2, Matthews 1, O'Neill 1, Seasman 1. 2 O.G.s

COLCHESTER (87):

Adcock 24, Bowen 17(3), Groves 10, Irving 9, Parkinson 6(1), Hull 5, Day 4, English 3, Hedman 2, Osbourne 2, Godbold 1, Houston 1, Hubbick 1, Shimmers 1.

CREWE (65):

Waller 15, Blissett 8, Allatt 7, Hart 6(3), Cliss 5, Leonard 5, Platt 5, Thomas 4, Crabbe 3(1), Farrell 1, King 1. 5 O.G.s.

DARLINGTON (66):

Airey 16, McLean 10(4), Forster 9, Todd 6, Hannah 4, Macdonald 4, Tupling 4, Cook 3, Haire 2, Lloyd 2, Smith 2, Aldred 1, Johnson 1, Miller 1. 1 O.G.

EXETER (57):

Pratt 19(2), Morgan 9, Ling 6, McNichol 5, Sims 3, Barnard 2, O'Shea 2, Smith 2, Harrower 1, Howarth 1, McDonough 1, Neville 1, Phillipson-Masters 1, Toddlog 1, Viney 1(1), 2 O.G.s.

HALIFAX (42):

Lowe 12, Gallagher 8, McNiven 4, Ward 4, Cook 3, Thornber 3, Ayre 2, Little 2(1), Krill 1, Sanderson 1, Shaw 1, Walker 1.

PETERBOROUGH (54):

Kelly 11, Worrall 9, Cassidy 7, Shepherd 7, Johnson 4, Pike 4, Slack 3, Beech 2, Klug 2, Chard 1, Hankin 1, Holmes 1(1), Quow 1, Wile 1.

PORT VALE (61):

Brown 17(1), Earle 14(1), O'Keefe 7, Kellock 4(2), Brazil 3, Sproson 3, Williams 3, I. Griffiths 2, Hunter 2, Bromage 1, P. Griffiths 1, Smith 1. 1 O.G.

SOUTHEND (58):

Phillips 21(6), Pennyfather 7, Gymer 5, Fuccillo 3, Hadley 5, Kellock 3, Rogers 3, Shepherd 3, Engwell 2, Whymark 2, Clark 1, Ellis 1, Ferguson 1, May 1, Pountney 1. 1 O.G.

STOCKPORT (58):

Sword 12(8), Kerr 10, Evans 8, Coyle 6, Hendrie 4, Leonard 4, Crawford 2, Emerson 2, Lodge 2, Taylor 2, Williams 2, Buxton 1, Power 1. 2 O.G.s.

SWINDON (62):

Gordon 17, Coyne 15(2), Mayes 10(2), Rowland 5(1), Barnard 3, Macari 3, Nelson 3, Batty 2, Hockaday 1, Ramsay 1. 2 O.G.s.

TORQUAY (38):

Walsh 5, Hall 4, Barnes 3, Mooney 3, Sims 3(1), Best 2, Laryea 2, Loram 2, O'Dell 2, Perry 2, Anderson 1, Carter 1, Compton 1, Currie 1, Durham 1, Fowler 1, Marshall 1. 2 O.G.s.

TRANMERE (83):

Clayton 31(1), Clarke 22(1), Aspinall 6, Edwards 4, G. Williams 4(4), Palios 3, J. Williams 3, P. Williams 3, Anderson 2, Kelly 2, Hilditch 1, Ferguson 1, Rodaway 1.

WREXHAM (67):

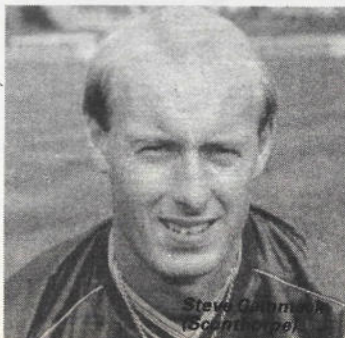
Steel 14, Edwards 11, Charles 7(1), Cunnington 6, Gregory 5, Horne 5, Keay 4(1), Comstive 3(1), Muldoon 3, Rogers 3, Houghton 2. 4 O.G.s.

ROCHDALE (55):

Diamond 15(5), Taylor 12, Gamble 5, Heaton 5, McMahon 4, Cooke 3, Lawrence 3, Thompson 2, Dwyer 1, English 1, Hammill 1, Reid 1. 2 O.G.s.

SCUNTHORPE (83):

Cammack 24(5), Broddle 14, Brolly 9, Cowling 9, Graham 9, Whitehead 4, Lester 3, Matthews 3, Bell 2(1), Hill 2, Green 1, Shutt 1, Stobart 1. 1 O.G.



Steve Gormley (Scunthorpe)

HARTLEPOOL (54):

Dixon 11(2), Hedley 9(6), Dobson 10, Mutrie 4(1), Taylor 4, Hogan 3, Linighan 2, Smith 2, Brown 1, Brownlie 1, Borthwick 1, Dyson 1, Gavin 1, Gollogley 1, Wardrobe 1. 2 O.G.s.

HEREFORD (65):

Phillips 19, Kearns 18, Maddy 8, Harvey 5(4), Price 5, Bray 1, Butler 1, Emery 1, Hicks 1, Larkin 1, Pejic 1. 4 O.G.s.

MANSFIELD (41):

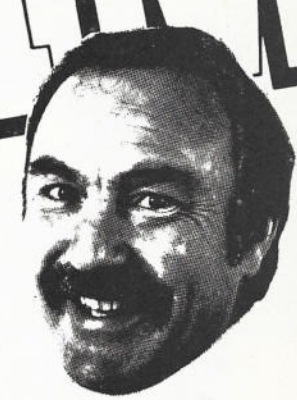
Caldwell 9, Whatmore 7, Luke 6, Kearney 4(1), Galloway 3, Lowery 3, Vinter 3, Garner 2, Woodhead 2, Whitworth 2(2).

NORTHAMPTON (53):

Benjamin 17, Cavener 7(3), Belfon 5, Hayes 5(3), Gage 4, Brown 3, Donald 2, Lewis 2, Mann 2, Munde 2, Barnes 1, Thompson 1, Train 1. 1 O.G.

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JUST



This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from Keith O'Donnell of Strathcona Close, Flackwell Heath, High Wycombe in Bucks. He writes:

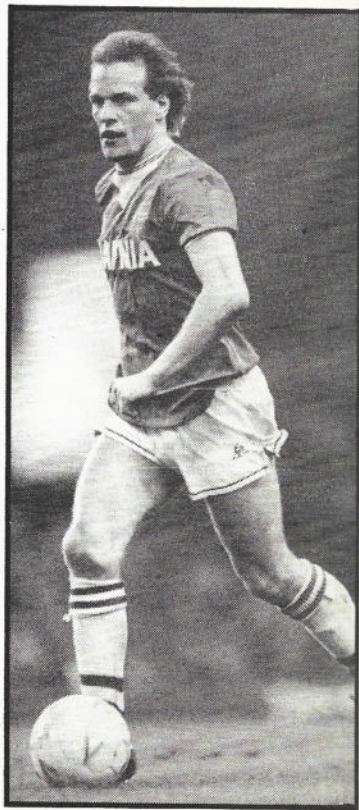
Gray day

Everton must not sell Andy Gray. He may not score as many as Gary Lineker, but without Gray's contribution Howard Kendall's team would not be where they are today.

TOM WHITEHOUSE, DALSTON, CARLISLE.



I'll reply to your letter, Tom, even though Gray is moving. For two thirds of last season Andy didn't do an awful lot. But in the final three months he turned in one of the finest series of performances of all time. I was very surprised to see Lineker going to Everton and feel the time is right for Andy to move on. He is the kind of player who is at his best in brief spells and a new challenge will keep him fired up.



City's struggle

Now that Birmingham City are back in the First Division, do you think they will spend another season fighting relegation?

GRAHAM BENNETT, DOWNHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.



It's certainly looking that way. Ron Saunders is at loggerheads with his board over money and they won't be starting the new season in the best frame of mind. So much will depend on their early results. But at the moment Blues are a bottom half of the table team who might avoid relegation — or might not.

Brilliant Bankies

What do you think of Clydebank's chances in the Premier Division next season? It seems that so many promoted teams merely become whipping boys for the big four.

RODERICK SLATER, DUNBLANE, PERTSHIRE.



I haven't exactly been a regular at Kilbowie Park these last few years, so I'm hardly qualified to give an expert opinion. All I know is that anyone who finishes above The Accies have got to be one hell of a team. On that score, they must be Championship material.

Wally of the week

How can West Germany be regarded as one of the favourites to win next year's World Cup? When they lost 3-0 to England in Mexico recently, they were absolutely useless.

TOM LYONS, NEW MALDEN, SURREY.

DRY UP!

I'm pleased to see there will be a ban on the sale of alcohol in football grounds next season. The ban has cured Scotland's hooligan problem and I think it can do the same for England.



As an expert on alcohol, I think the ban is one of the silliest things I've ever heard. Fans don't get drunk inside the ground. Have you ever tried to get a pint at Wembley? By the time you've queued up and been served, the game is over! No, the problem is outside the ground. Hooligans start getting tanked up first thing in the morning. Shutting down pubs in the immediate vicinity will have little effect, either, because drink is still freely on sale in supermarkets and off licences. The police and stewards must try to stop people under the influence from entering the ground. But if they turn away 100 drunks, what happens? They'll just cause trouble somewhere else. I'm afraid it's a vicious circle.

Ban the bores

How about introducing a law to stop defenders constantly passing back to their goalkeeper? This is the most boring and negative tactic in today's game.

CHRIS MOIR, LEICESTER.



Good idea. I've been calling for something like this for years. It would certainly sort out the men from the boys. The authorities will never agree to it, but I would

like to see a one-season experiment whereby passing back to the 'keeper would incur a direct free-kick. It would make defenders play much more positively instead of just taking the easy way out every time.

Mad Mick

I appreciate that Mick Mills was desperate to break into management, but he's done himself no favours by taking the Stoke job. He's got no chance of succeeding there.

CHRIS BAILEY, RUNCORN, MERSEYSIDE.



It's not going to be easy, because he's already been told there is no money available for new players. After spending his entire career in the South, it's a bit of a surprise to see Mick moving to The Potteries. He may have joined a struggling club, but at least they're struggling in a nice part of the country! Mick has taken a gamble. If he achieves anything at all with Stoke, there could be a bigger job to follow.



Wait till they play us with their real team! They were only out in Mexico for the exercise, and we all know how good the Germans are at exercises! I think it's fair to say that Franz Beckenbauer's boys were slightly below par when they played England last month. Only a wally would be fooled into thinking it will be the same next year.



Italian hard man

**Guiseppe Bergomi gets tough
with Hateley, but even
the rough stuff can't prevent
England's super striker
from getting in
his shot.**



Shoot!



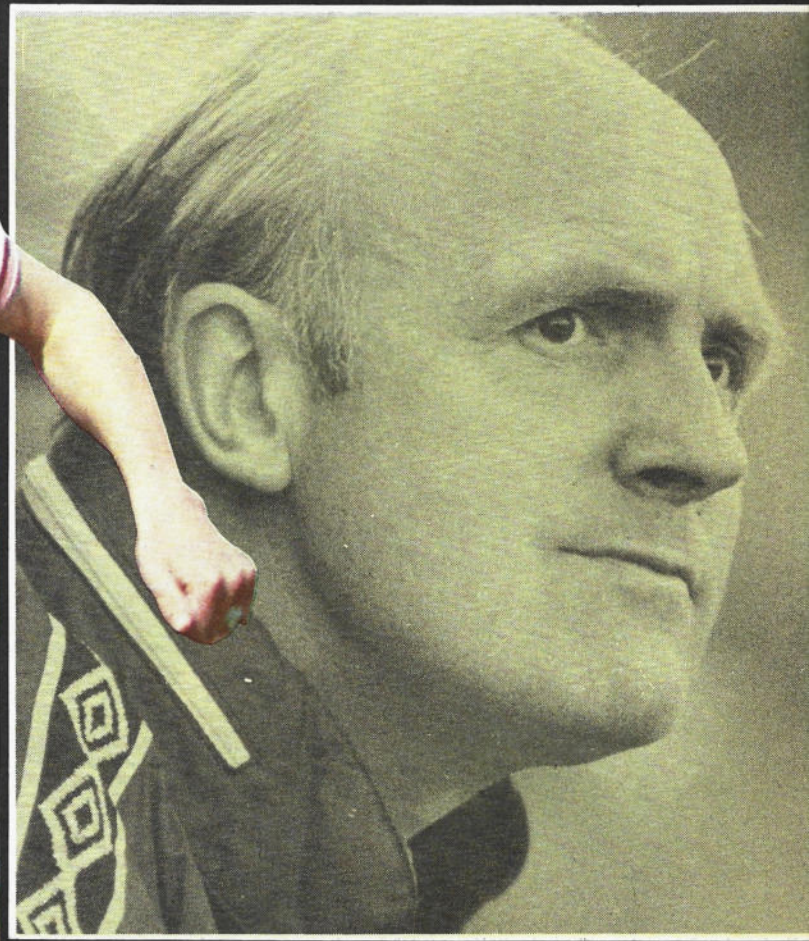
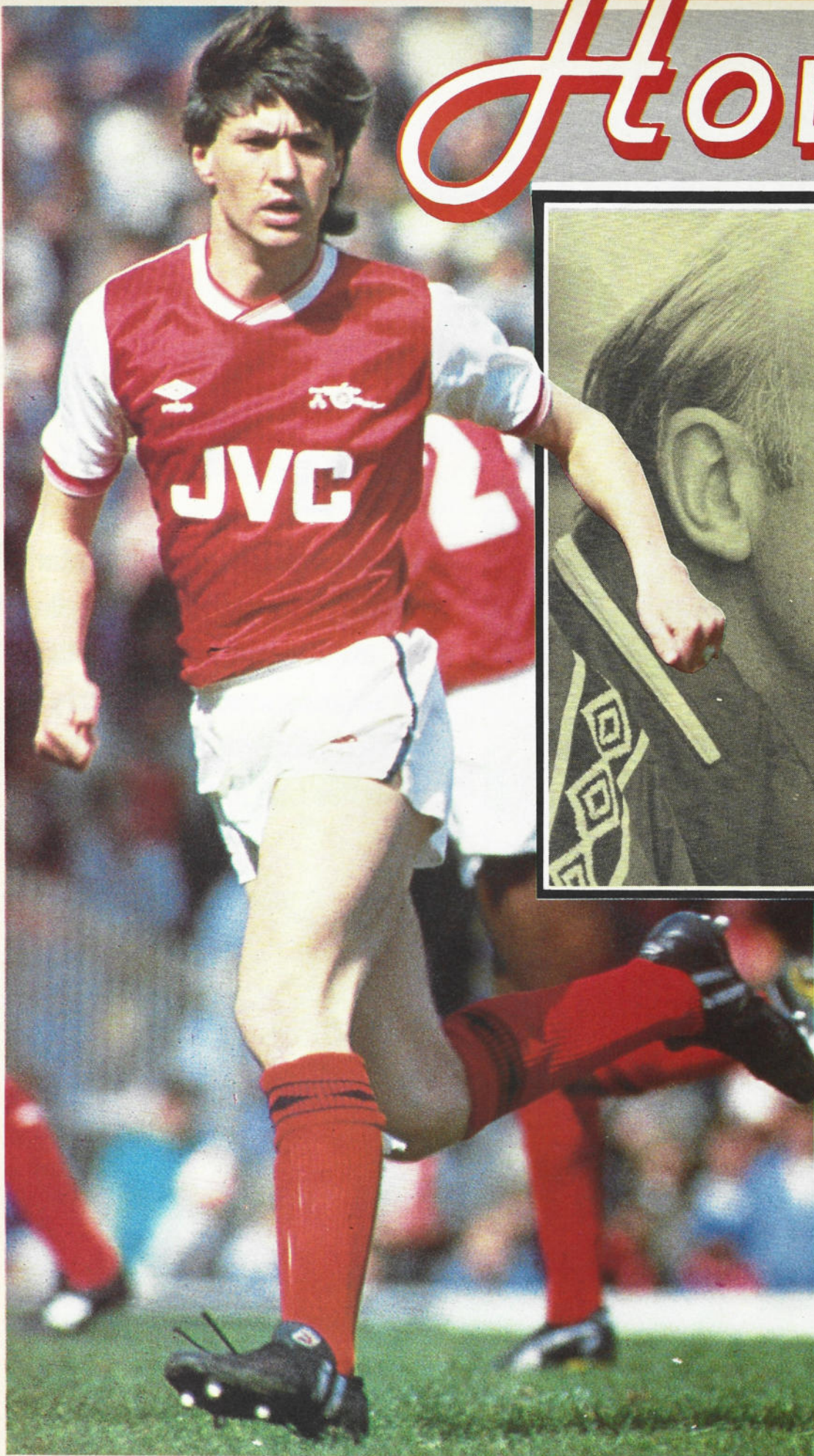
HERO HATELEY

What a mover

Everyone knows about Mark Hateley's tremendous heading ability, but as the AC Milan striker shows against Italy in Mexico recently, he's no slouch with the ball at his feet, either.



Howe,



Steve Williams' career has hit rock bottom since his £550,000 transfer to Arsenal last December. His form has suffered, his reputation has been damaged, and his manager has asked him to prove he has the 'guts' to play for Arsenal. Now, Steve swipes back at his critics and makes a promise to Arsenal fans for next season...

heat this...

I HAVE got the guts to be a Gunner

STEVE WILLIAMS is determined to meet Arsenal manager Don Howe's challenge to "prove that he's got the guts to play for a club like Arsenal".

Howe challenged his £600,000 midfield star to prove his worth after Williams had criticised some of his team selections in a national newspaper.

Williams says: "The manager of Arsenal is as entitled to his opinions as I am and it's true that I didn't show my best form for the club last season.

"I've always been a consistent player and after joining Arsenal from Southampton, I felt that it would be no problem to carry on in the same way.

"But out of ten games in Arsenal's colours, eight of them were bad. That's a terrible record for me. I've never had such a bad run.

"Obviously there are differences in the way Southampton and Arsenal play and players normally need time to adjust when they move.

"But I'm offering no excuses for my poor form. It would be different

Steve Williams

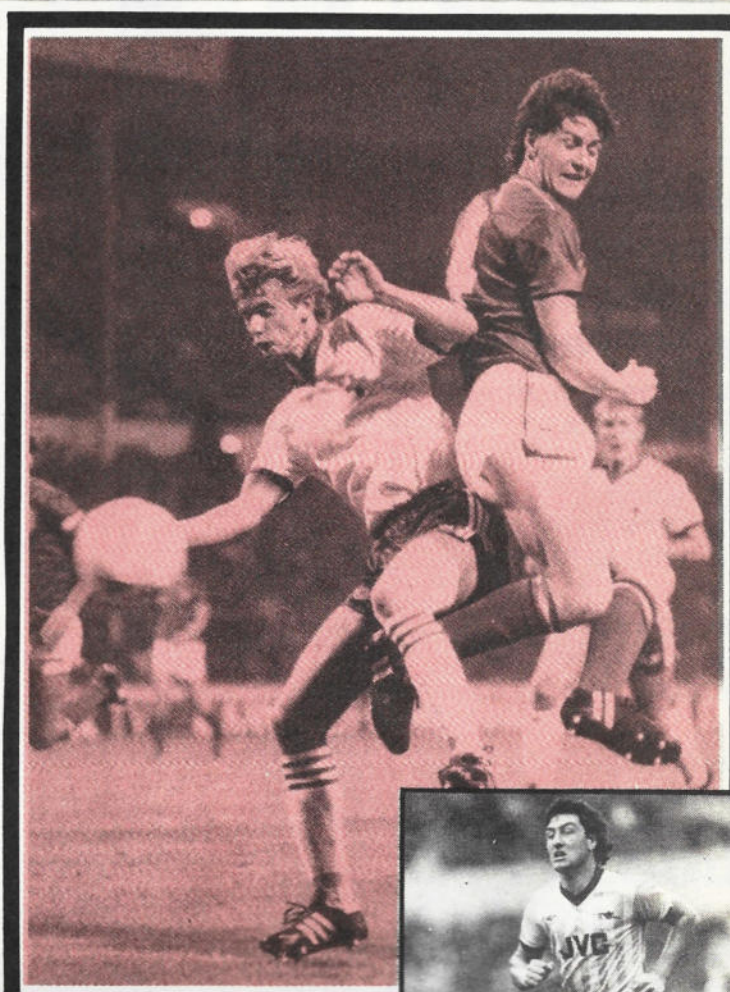
if I was just a scrapper going against quality players or vice versa. But I can do both so I should never turn in a run of performances like that.

"I can only apologise to the Arsenal fans and promise them that they'll see more of the real me next season."

Since joining The Gunners, Williams has also been ignored by England manager Bobby Robson after playing in the first two World Cup wins of last season.

Williams was dropped by Robson, along with former Saints colleague Mark Wright, as a disciplinary measure after unsavoury events at The Dell.

But Wright has since reclaimed



Williams reckons he was unlucky to be dropped by England last season. He also had a bust-up with his former Arsenal team-mate Brian Talbot (right).

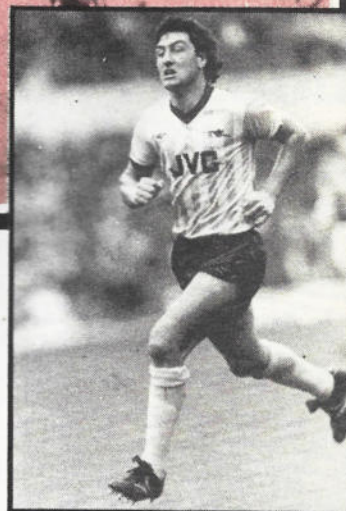
his place in England's World Cup side and Williams says: "That can only mean that I've been left out on form since."

"Bobby Robson was good enough to phone and tell me that he was leaving Mark and I out for one game but for me, it's become a longer exile.

"On my Arsenal form, I can only hold my hands up and say that Bobby Robson is right. But I feel I'm a bit unlucky on my England form. We won all three games I played in last season and I think I performed well."

Williams didn't even get a place on England's tour of Mexico and he says: "I find it hard to believe that I'm not among the top eight midfield players in the country — and there were about that many on the trip.

"So I'm going to have to turn it on for Arsenal next season to prove myself one of the best in my



position."

Williams has had his problems since joining Arsenal, including a bust-up with PFA chairman Brian Talbot, now at Watford.

Williams says: "Talbot seemed to think I was there to take his position in the side but most games last season, he played alongside me."

Williams also said that Howe was wrong to leave him out of the final game of the season at West Bromwich Albion. He says: "I stand by that because I reckon I'm the first player you pick for a big game. I'm looking forward to proving that next season."

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CELTIC FIGHT FOR NEVIN

CELTIC'S ambitious bid for
Chelsea's PAT NEVIN has received
a mighty setback.

Just 24 hours after being appointed
the club's new chairman following the
shock death of DESMOND WHITE,
TOM DEVLIN openly declared he wanted
the Chelsea winger at Celtic.

"We have discussed the matter at
boardroom level, but with manager
DAVID HAY and the player both on
holiday, no immediate move could be
made."

But Chelsea chairman KEN BATES is in no
mood to part with the entertaining Nevin.

"Pat still has a year of his contract to run
so if Celtic are serious they will have to
come up with the money."

● The move has fuelled speculation that
MO JOHNSTON could soon be leaving
Celtic — see page 34.



Stevens blow

TOTTENHAM's Championship plans have
been hit by the news that England
international GARY STEVENS will be out
of action for the first two months of the
new season.

The versatile 23-year-old (left) tore
the ligaments in his right knee last March
and had hoped to be back in action for the
big kick-off on August 17.

But now he has told manager PETER
SHREEVES that he won't be ready until
October.

"I can jog slowly and almost stretch my
leg fully, but there's no way I'll be ready for
the start of the season," Stevens reports.

AT LARGE

GILLESPIE HUNT

● PORTSMOUTH are interested in Chelsea's COLIN LEE, but not at the £150,000 currently being demanded.

● JACKIE McNAMARA, surprisingly freed by Hibs, has joined Morton as their player-coach after rejecting an earlier offer from manager ALLAN McGRAW.

The 32-year-old defender will be joined by GEORGE ANDERSON, 31, who will become Morton's second team player-coach.

Kenny's back

Manchester City have completed the £25,000 signing of KENNY CLEMENTS from Oldham. He returned to Maine Road on a three-month loan spell to help City to promotion last season and has now made the move permanent.

● Canada beware — Thomas The Book is coming!

Infamous former referee CLIVE THOMAS is heading for Vancouver to lecture at the British Colombian Soccer Association's first residential course for referees.

Accompanying Clive (below) will be his wife Beryl, making her first trip after 20 years as a soccer widow.

ARSENAL, beginning to lose patience with DAVID O'LEARY, are ready to make a move for Liverpool's GARY GILLESPIE.

Centre-half O'Leary has refused to sign a new contract until there is an improvement in terms and the guarantee of a testimonial.

But Gunners boss DON HOWE is anxious to settle his squad as soon as possible and sees Gillespie as the ideal man for Arsenal.

The 24-year-old Scot has been transfer listed at his own request after failing to gain a regular first team place in two years at Anfield.

Nottingham Forest, Aston Villa and Coventry have all made enquiries, but cannot match his wages. That would be no problem for Arsenal. Nor would Liverpool's £200,000 asking price.



Raddy returns

Former Arsenal ace JOHN RADFORD is swapping pints for a full-time career in football again.

Radford, who was coaching non-League Bishops Stortford and running a pub in North London, has joined QPR as JIM SMITH's reserve team coach.

FRANK SIBLEY, who took charge at Loftus Road after ALAN MULLERY was sacked, will stay on as assistant manager.



ANSWERS

CLUBS. Nottingham Forest and QPR.
WHISTLE UP. Caution the team-mate and award a free-kick (b).

TOP MARKSMEN. 1. Everton. 2. Bolton. 3. Southampton. 4. Southampton. 5. Watford.
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE. 1. Picture on wall different. 2. Pen on table added. 3. Ribbons on Cup different. 4. Man on left has different collar. 5. Money missing from man on knees. 6. Page to contract added. 7. Agent's hat added. 8. Badge on player's shorts added. 9. Stool added. 10. Ball different.

X-WORD. ACROSS:— (1) Stewart. (4) Keith. (6) Remi. (8) Bennett. (9) Ata. (10) Base. (11) Terraces. (14) Their. (15) Wheel. (18) Bryn Gunn. (20) Stag. (21) The. (22) Captain. (23) Area. (25) Dyson. (26) Elm Park.
DOWN:— (1) Sir. (2) White. (3) The Den. (4) Ken Brown. (5) Title. (7) Maskery. (10) But. (12) Chester. (13) Brighton. (16) Leg. (17) Onside. (19) Ricky. (20) Sharp. (24) Ask.



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NO player in Scotland will be under more pressure to produce the goods in the new season than Celtic's flamboyant international striker Mo Johnston.

Rumours abound that the Parkhead club may be ready to sell the player they bought from Watford last November for a Scottish record transfer fee of £400,000.

Mo's start at his beloved Parkhead was electrifying, with goals flowing at a steady rate. But his form towards the end of the season wasn't quite so hot.

Manager Davie Hay has watched the situation closely — on and off the field — and Johnston knows that if he doesn't maintain his goalscoring form he faces the axe by both club and country.

Scotland boss Jock Stein dropped Johnston for the match against England at Hampden and the World Cup-tie in Iceland.

And Stein was particularly unimpressed by Johnston's performance against Dundee United in the Scottish Cup Final — a match in which he rarely shone.

Gamble

He was even prepared to gamble by giving Chelsea's David Speedie his debut against the English rather than field a below-par Johnston.

The pressure is clearly building up on Johnston. A recent court case hasn't helped his cause nor his concentration.

Celtic frowned on the adverse publicity. They are not the sort of club who will tolerate bad headlines.

But Mo has got the message. Hay and

Under threat with club and country

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Stein will both order him to get more goals. And if Mo doesn't hammer them in on a regular basis in the new season, his days as a top-flight player could be numbered.

Johnston is grimly determined to answer his critics. He has heard the jibes and no doubt the rumours have also been passed on to him.

Spurs were certainly interested last season, but since paying £1 million for Paul Allen from West Ham and Chris Waddle from Newcastle, they might not be in too much of a hurry to release more cash for new players.

Dream

When he signed for Celtic during the season, Mo went on record as saying: "This is my dream move. I have always wanted to play for this club and I'm going

to give it my all to be a success at Parkhead."

He began at an astonishing rate and manager Hay said: "I think I have got a better player than even I had bargained for."

But the meteoric rise to fame took its toll on Johnston. The goals stopped flowing, his form dipped and his performances were erratic.

Hay, not surprisingly, is worried about the situation. The club have sold Frank McGarvey to St. Mirren and there will be a heavy load on Johnston and Brian McClair next term as Celtic go all-out to win the Premier Division Championship for the first time in four years.

Johnston has revelled in the applause over the past two years since his dramatic rise to fame and fortune after part-time obscurity with Partick Thistle.

Now is the time for Mo to prove to everyone he is not a two-season wonderboy. We are sure he will!

Focus on Mo Johnston

Full name: Maurice Thomas Johnston.
Birthplace and date: Springburn in Glasgow on April 13, 1963.
Height and weight: 5ft. 10ins. 11 stone.
Married: No chance — I've plenty of time for that.
Home: A four bedroom detached house just outside Glasgow.
Car: A white Porsche 924.
Nickname: Mo. It started in the youth team at Partick.

Job or trade before turning pro: I was an apprentice cutter in a clothing factory.
Previous clubs: Partick Thistle and Watford. I joined Celtic last year for £400,000.

Team you supported as a boy: Celtic.

Football hero of childhood: Kenny Dalglish.

Favourite current players: My former Watford team-mate John Barnes and my mate Graham Mitchell, who plays for Hamilton Accies.

Most memorable match: My debut for Celtic last October against Hibs. The emotion and atmosphere was fantastic.

Biggest disappointments: Not signing for Celtic from Partick



Mo picked up a Scottish Cup winner's medal this year against Dundee United.



ABOVE: Chris Evert Lloyd, his favourite sportswoman.
RIGHT: Defeat in the 1984 F.A. Cup Final.



Thistle and losing the 1984 F.A. Cup Final to Everton while with Watford.
Superstitions: I always blow my nose before the game starts!
International honours: Four Scottish Under-21 caps and nine full caps.
Club honours: Scottish Cup winner's medal with Celtic in 1985, and an F.A. Cup runners-up medal with Watford in 1984. I also have a Glasgow Cup winner's medal. I was a sub when Partick beat Celtic 1-0.
Favourite other sports: Skiing and athletics.

Favourite other sports stars: John McEnroe and Chris Evert Lloyd.
Hobbies: Horse riding and snooker.
Favourite actor and actress: Dudley Moore and Victoria Principal.
Favourite TV shows: Top of the Pops and The Young Ones.

Favourite musicians: Simple Minds, Rod Stewart, Bruce Springsteen, U2 and David Bowie.
Biggest influence on career: Former Partick boss Peter Cormack, Watford manager Graham Taylor and my parents.
Ambitions for 1985-86: To help Celtic win the treble and to help Scotland get to Mexico.
Long-term ambitions: To be successful in business and to be happy.

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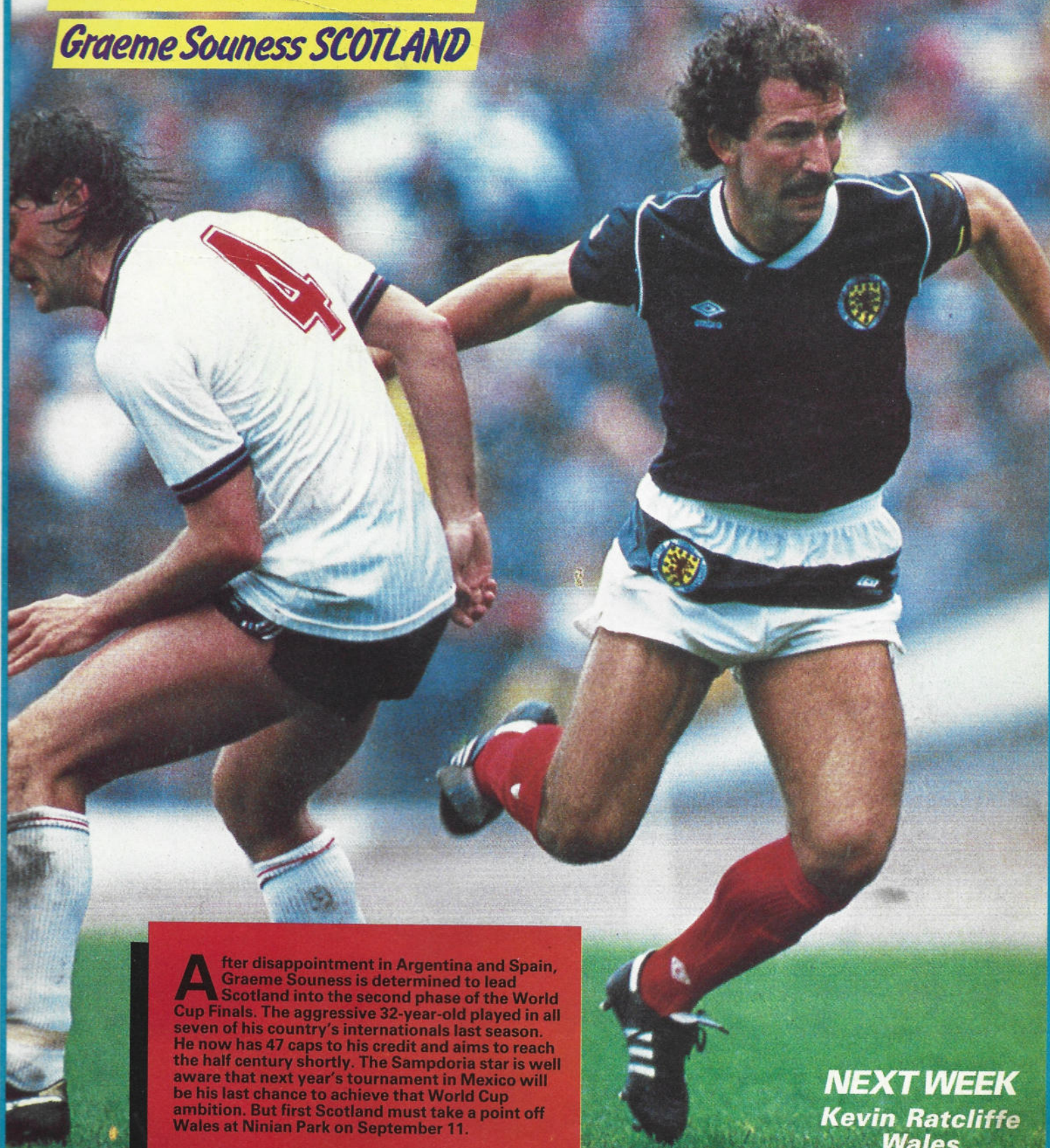


John Johnston

The Aberdeen defence is in disarray as Johnston tries to go it alone for Celtic.

WORLD CUP CAPTAIN

Graeme Souness SCOTLAND



After disappointment in Argentina and Spain, Graeme Souness is determined to lead Scotland into the second phase of the World Cup Finals. The aggressive 32-year-old played in all seven of his country's internationals last season. He now has 47 caps to his credit and aims to reach the half century shortly. The Sampdoria star is well aware that next year's tournament in Mexico will be his last chance to achieve that World Cup ambition. But first Scotland must take a point off Wales at Ninian Park on September 11.

NEXT WEEK
Kevin Ratcliffe
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